

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARGE TRACEY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, Marge Tracey, who retires this year, first came to work as a secretary at the AFL-CIO over 35 years ago. She has spent her working life at the AFL-CIO advancing the interest of America's working families. During that time, she has been an integral part of every fight over the last three decades on labor law reform, minimum wage, trade, health care, retirement security, and more. She has been witness to and a key part of many chapters of labor and Congressional history, often working behind the scenes, but always an integral part of progress.

So on the occasion of her retirement, I join with her family, her friends, and all of her colleagues at the AFL-CIO in congratulating her and expressing deep appreciation for all of her dedicated work. Marge Tracey has lived a remarkable life of service to working men and women, and I wish her all the best in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO REMEMBER FRANK MICKENS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Frank Mickens, the celebrated former principal of Boys & Girls High School.

Mr. Mickens took over as principal of Boys & Girls in 1984. At the time, it was considered one of the worst high schools in New York City. Cutting class was rampant, students were often robbed, and there were few consequences for misbehavior.

Mr. Mickens was undeterred by the challenge. He understood that education meant more than just teachers and tests. He was out to change the culture of the school, to give his students and faculty the supportive learning environment they needed to excel.

Mr. Mickens cared deeply about the well-being of every student. He spent his time motivating students in need of encouragement. If a student needed lunch, often Mr. Mickens would give him the money to buy it. And if a student did not own a tie, Mr. Mickens had a closet full of ties for him to choose, teaching him how to tie it if necessary.

His years of tireless dedication paid off. When Mr. Mickens retired in 2004, Boys & Girls was known as the "Pride and Joy of Bed-Stuy". The graduation rate had improved dramatically and was now sending its students to some of the country's best universities.

Frank Mickens has left behind a living legacy to his lifetime of achievements: The many

thousands of lives he touched and a community reborn.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering Frank Mickens.

WILLIAM BENEDICT JAMES RESSLER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William Ressler of Kansas City, Missouri. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 215, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. He was also the recipient of the Eagles Soaring High award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William Ressler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$650,000 for an environmental study, engineering design work, and construction work on Route 25 in Jackson, Missouri. The funds will be used to alleviate traffic and dangerous conditions on Route 25 between Jackson Trail and the city limits of Jackson, Missouri. The State of Missouri will provide 20% match. All federal funds received will be spent on Route 25 in Jackson, Missouri and will not be transferred to another project.

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Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the expansion of four-lane highway south of Poplar Bluff, Missouri to south of Route 160. The funds would also be used to rehabilitate dangerous intersections on Route 67 at U.S. 160, as well as Missouri Highway 158. The State of Missouri will provide 20% match. All federal funds received will be spent on this project and will not be transferred to another project.

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Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to rehabilitate the Chester Bridge which transverses the Mississippi River from Perry County, Missouri to Randolph County, Illinois. The bridge is vital to the region's transportation needs. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on rehabilitation of the Chester Bridge and will not be transferred to another project.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Requesting Entity: Washington County, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 for renovations to make the Washington County, Missouri Building accessible to individuals with disabilities. The Washington County Building is outdated and many sections are inaccessible to individuals in wheelchairs. The federal funds would provide the means for Washington County to bring the building in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

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Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for right of way improvements and

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engineering design to the narrow portion of Route 63 in Phelps and Maries Counties. This project will improve the overall safety of the roadway. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on right of way improvements and engineering design. None of these funds will be transferred to another project.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON
Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to improve shoulders, as well as widen and straighten curves along Route 34 in Cape Girardeau and Bollinger Counties. This segment of Route 34 is heavily traveled by commuters and there are serious safety concerns with the roadway. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on improving Route 34. None of these funds will be transferred to another project.

NORTH KOREA'S HARD-LABOR CAMPS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, Monday's Washington Post featured a comprehensive piece by veteran reporter Blaine Harden headlined, "N. Korea's Hard-Labor Camps: On the Diplomatic Back Burner," documenting the horrific nature of North Korea's gulag system, and the failure of this administration to raise this issue with the North Korean regime. I submit the article for the record.

We have known for some time about the true nature of the cruel and inhuman system of labor camps maintained by the totalitarian regime in North Korea. And yet somehow, almost inexplicably, these horrific camps have failed to inspire collective outrage on the part of the West, and have been sidelined to the point of irrelevance in successive U.S. administrations' dealings with North Korea.

The U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea published a report in 2003—six years ago—about these camps. It was written by David Hawk, quoted in Monday's article, and called *The Hidden Gulag: Exposing North Korea's Prison Camps*. It contains a full description of the camps, the worst of which are called kwan-li-so, which is translated as "political penal-labor colonies," and where, according to the Committee's report, scores of thousands of political prisoners—along with up to three generations of their family members—are banished without any judicial process and imprisoned, typically for life-time sentences of slave labor.

The report also contains prisoners' testimonies and satellite photographs of the camps, whose very existence continues to be denied by the North Korean government, which is why the committee described the gulags as "hidden."

Defector testimony, satellite images and in depth reporting have left no doubt about the camps' existence and the horrors of life there. The real question is what do we do about this abomination? What do we do about the regime that sustains and perpetuates this evil?

Because North Korea possesses nuclear weapons and threatens not only to use them against neighboring countries but also to share nuclear weapons technology with such rogue states as Burma and Syria, the international community, the U.S. included, has tended to ignore the horrendous human rights abuses in North Korea in the interest of trying to negotiate through the so-called six-party talks an end to its nuclear program.

But nothing has been achieved by these negotiations and North Korea has formally withdrawn from the six-party process.

And so while efforts continue, the diplomatic process on the nuclear front appears to have reached an impasse.

Frankly, I don't expect much to come from these efforts. The possession of nuclear weapons is simply too important to the North Korean regime, if only to deflect attention from its cruel and oppressive system of camps and the famine that it has brought upon its people at an estimated cost of anywhere from one to three million lives.

Human rights activist and 2008 Seoul Peace Prize Laureate Suzanne Scholte recently wrote in the Korea Times that both the Clinton and Bush administrations "intentionally sidelined human rights concerns, making them secondary to addressing North Korea's nuclear ambitions."

The young Obama administration appears to be in status quo mode, adopting the same failed approach.

This approach hasn't succeeded in curbing North Korea's nuclear ambitions. And it hasn't brought relief to the thousands that languish in unimaginable conditions. A new North Korea framework is long overdue. Ignoring or downplaying the human rights situation for one more day is unconscionable.

Ronald Reagan negotiated with the Soviet Union to reduce nuclear weapons throughout the 1980s, but that did not stop him from speaking about human rights, calling upon the Soviets to tear down the Berlin Wall, and predicting that communism would end up on the ash heap of history. His outspoken support for human rights had an effect, accelerating the demise of communism and, in the process, making it easier to resolve nuclear and security issues, since the main cause of Soviet aggressiveness was the communist system it was intended to defend and extend. Further it reminded those living behind the Iron Curtain that America was a friend, not an enemy, despite Soviet propaganda to the contrary.

We should be doing the same thing with North Korea today.

Just last week my good friend Carl Gershman, the president of the National Endowment for Democracy, spoke at the Korean Embassy's KORUS House in Washington about North Korea. His talk was titled, "Contending with the North Korean Dictatorship: A Perspective from the National Endowment for Democracy." Mr. Gershman acknowledged the diplomatic impasse with North Korea, but he didn't stop there. He said that in his view the North Korean totalitarian system was undergoing an inexorable process of erosion, marked by a sharply reduced ability to impose

a complete information blockade on its population, increased traffic across the border with China, the growth of an exile population of defectors that has now reached 16,000 from almost zero less than a decade ago, and even local uprisings as the regime has tried to suppress informal markets that have emerged as a way to cope with the famine and economic hardship.

He pointed out that what makes the North Korean system especially vulnerable is the existence just across the southern border of a free, successful and affluent South Korean society. For decades now the regime in Pyongyang has told its population that the people of South Korea live in hell while they live in a communist paradise. As the population learns that the truth is exactly the opposite, they will become increasingly restive, resentful, and rebellious, he noted.

In his talk Mr. Gershman quoted from a report by a senior researcher for the Korea Institute for National Unification which spoke of the dormant reality of "cracking the myth of permanent stability in North Korea" and pointed to the "danger of minor clashes to play a role of a primer for mass protest against excess of governmental indiscretion."

Mr. Gershman said that the NED, with the support of the U.S. Congress, would continue to support organizations in South Korea set up by North Korean defectors to reach back into North Korea by providing information to the people. He urged the U.S., in the absence of a six-party process, to convene the other members of those talks (South Korea, Japan, China, and Russia) to discuss with them not just the security situation, but to prepare for a possible collapse in North Korea by considering now what would need to be done to aid the reconstruction of the country.

I agree that this would be a good starting point for the administration as would appointing a special envoy on North Korea human rights as is mandated by Congress.

Further, any future talks with the North Koreans, be it the six-party process or some other forum, must include human rights on the agenda.

Additionally, the administration ought to be pursuing a policy which places a high priority on working with other countries in the region to champion the rights of North Korean refugees. China is among the biggest obstacles. Its current policy of repatriating North Korean refugees violates China's international treaty obligations. A grim fate awaits those who are returned to North Korea.

Similarly, if North Korea continues to refuse U.S. food aid, the administration should urge those countries that do provide aid, which again includes China, to press for International Red Cross access to the camps and monitors from the World Food Programme to ensure that the aid goes to its intended recipients.

Ultimately, we need to look forward. The North Korean regime will not be there forever to oppress its people. Just like the gulags and the regimes in Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, that preceded it, this evil empire, too, will fall.

In the meantime we must champion the rights of the people who wither under this regime. I'll close with the words of Anne Applebaum in the hope that they inspire the administration's approach to North Korea moving forward. She writes in the introduction of *The Hidden Gulag*, "This is not to say that

words can make a dictatorship collapse overnight. But words can certainly make a dictatorship collapse over time, as experience during the last two decades has shown. Totalitarian regimes are built on lies and can be damaged, even destroyed, when those lies are exposed."

[From the Washington Post, July 20, 2009]

N. KOREA'S HARD-LABOR CAMPS: ON THE DIPLOMATIC BACK BURNER

(By Blaine Harden)

SEOUL.—Images and accounts of the North Korean gulag become sharper, more harrowing and more accessible with each passing year.

A distillation of testimony from survivors and former guards, newly published by the Korean Bar Association, details the daily lives of 200,000 political prisoners estimated to be in the camps: Eating a diet of mostly corn and salt, they lose their teeth, their gums turn black, their bones weaken and, as they age, they hunch over at the waist. Most work 12- to 15-hour days until they die of malnutrition-related illnesses, usually around the age of 50. Allowed just one set of clothes, they live and die in rags, without soap, socks, underclothes or sanitary napkins.

The camps have never been visited by outsiders, so these accounts cannot be independently verified. But high-resolution satellite photographs, now accessible to anyone with an Internet connection, reveal vast labor camps in the mountains of North Korea. The photographs corroborate survivors' stories, showing entrances to mines where former prisoners said they worked as slaves, in-camp detention centers where former guards said uncooperative prisoners were tortured to death and parade grounds where former prisoners said they were forced to watch executions. Guard towers and electrified fences surround the camps, photographs show.

"We have this system of slavery right under our nose," said An Myeong Chul, a camp guard who defected to South Korea. "Human rights groups can't stop it. South Korea can't stop it. The United States will have to take up this issue at the negotiating table."

But the camps have not been discussed in meetings between U.S. diplomats and North Korean officials. By exploding nuclear bombs, launching missiles and cultivating a reputation for hair-trigger belligerence, the government of Kim Jong Il has created a permanent security flash point on the Korean Peninsula—and effectively shoved the issue of human rights off the negotiating table.

"Talking to them about the camps is something that has not been possible," said David Straub, a senior official in the State Department's office of Korean affairs during the Bush and Clinton years. There have been no such meetings since President Obama took office.

"They go nuts when you talk about it," said Straub, who is now associate director of Korean studies at Stanford University.

Nor have the camps become much of an issue for the American public, even though annotated images of them can be quickly called up on Google Earth and even though they have existed for half a century, 12 times as long as the Nazi concentration camps and twice as long as the Soviet Gulag. Although precise numbers are impossible to obtain, Western governments and human groups estimate that hundreds of thousands of people have died in the North Korean camps.

North Korea officially says the camps do not exist. It restricts movements of the few foreigners it allows into the country and severely punishes those who sneak in. U.S. re-

porters Laura Ling and Euna Lee were sentenced last month to 12 years of hard labor, after being convicted in a closed trial on charges of entering the country illegally.

North Korea's gulag also lacks the bright light of celebrity attention. No high-profile, internationally recognized figure has emerged to coax Americans into understanding or investing emotionally in the issue, said Suzanne Scholte, a Washington-based activist who brings camp survivors to the United States for speeches and marches.

"Tibetans have the Dalai Lama and Richard Gere, Burmese have Aung San Suu Kyi, Darfurians have Mia Farrow and George Clooney," she said. "North Koreans have no one like that."

EXECUTIONS AS LESSONS

Before guards shoot prisoners who have tried to escape, they turn each execution into a teachable moment, according to interviews with five North Koreans who said they have witnessed such killings.

Prisoners older than 16 are required to attend, and they are forced to stand as close as 15 feet to the condemned, according to the interviews. A prison official usually gives a lecture, explaining how the Dear Leader, as Kim Jong Il is known, had offered a "chance at redemption" through hard labor.

The condemned are hooded, and their mouths are stuffed with pebbles. Three guards fire three times each, as onlookers see blood spray and bodies crumple, those interviewed said.

"We almost experience the executions ourselves," said Jung Gwang Il, 47, adding that he witnessed two executions as an inmate at Camp 15. After three years there, Jung said, he was allowed to leave in 2003. He fled to China and now lives in Seoul.

Like several former prisoners, Jung said the most arduous part of his imprisonment was his pre-camp interrogation at the hands of the Bowibu, the National Security Agency. After eight years in a government office that handled trade with China, a fellow worker accused him of being a South Korean agent.

"They wanted me to admit to being a spy," Jung said. "They knocked out my front teeth with a baseball bat. They fractured my skull a couple of times. I was not a spy, but I admitted to being a spy after nine months of torture."

When he was arrested, Jung said, he weighed 167 pounds. When his interrogation was finished, he said, he weighed 80 pounds. "When I finally got to the camp, I actually gained weight," said Jung, who worked summers in cornfields and spent winters in the mountains felling trees.

"Most people die of malnutrition, accidents at work, and during interrogation," said Jung, who has become a human rights advocate in Seoul. "It is people with perseverance who survive. The ones who think about food all the time go crazy. I worked hard, so guards selected me to be a leader in my barracks. Then I didn't have to expend so much energy, and I could get by on corn."

DEFECTORS' ACCOUNTS

Human rights groups, lawyers committees and South Korean-funded think tanks have detailed what goes on in the camps based on in-depth interviews with survivors and former guards who trickle out of North Korea into China and find their way to South Korea.

The motives and credibility of North Korean defectors in the South are not without question. They are desperate to make a living. Many refuse to talk unless they are paid. South Korean psychologists who debrief defectors describe them as angry, distrustful and confused. But in hundreds of separate interviews conducted over two dec-

ades, defectors have told similar stories that paint a consistent portrait of life, work, torment and death in the camps.

The number of camps has been consolidated from 14 to about five large sites, according to former officials who worked in the camps. Camp 22, near the Chinese border, is 31 miles long and 25 miles wide, an area larger than the city of Los Angeles. As many as 50,000 prisoners are held there, a former guard said.

There is a broad consensus among researchers about how the camps are run: Most North Koreans are sent there without any judicial process. Many inmates die in the camps unaware of the charges against them. Guilt by association is legal under North Korean law, and up to three generations of a wrongdoer's family are sometimes imprisoned, following a rule from North Korea's founding dictator, Kim Il Sung: "Enemies of class, whoever they are, their seed must be eliminated through three generations."

Crimes that warrant punishment in political prison camps include real or suspected opposition to the government. "The camp system in its entirety can be perceived as a massive and elaborate system of persecution on political grounds," writes human rights investigator David Hawk, who has studied the camps extensively. Common criminals serve time elsewhere.

Prisoners are denied any contact with the outside world, according to the Korean Bar Association's 2008 white paper on human rights in North Korea. The report also found that suicide is punished with longer prison terms for surviving relatives; guards can beat, rape and kill prisoners with impunity; when female prisoners become pregnant without permission, their babies are killed.

Most of the political camps are "complete control districts," which means that inmates work there until death.

There is, however, a "revolutionizing district" at Camp 15, where prisoners can receive remedial indoctrination in socialism. After several years, if they memorize the writings of Kim Jong Il, they are released but remain monitored by security officials.

SOUTH'S CHANGING RESPONSE

Since it offers a safe haven to defectors, South Korea is home to scores of camp survivors. All of them have been debriefed by the South Korean intelligence service, which presumably knows more about the camps than any agency outside of Pyongyang.

But for nearly a decade, despite revelations in scholarly reports, TV documentaries and memoirs, South Korea avoided public criticism of the North's gulag. It abstained from voting on U.N. resolutions that criticized North Korea's record on human rights and did not mention the camps during leadership summits in 2000 or 2007. Meanwhile, under a "sunshine policy" of peaceful engagement, South Korea made major economic investments in the North and gave huge, unconditional annual gifts of food and fertilizer.

The public, too, has been largely silent. "South Koreans, who publicly cherish the virtue of brotherly love, have been inexplicably stuck in a deep quagmire of indifference," according to the Korean Bar Association, which says it publishes reports on human rights in North Korea to "break the stalemate."

Government policy changed last year under President Lee Myung-bak, who has halted unconditional aid, backed U.N. resolutions that criticize the North and tried to put human rights on the table in dealing with Pyongyang. In response, North Korea has called Lee a "traitor," squeezed inter-Korean trade and threatened war.

AN ENFORCER'S VIEW

An Myeong Chul was allowed to work as a guard and driver in political prison camps

because, he said, he came from a trustworthy family. His father was a North Korean intelligence agent, as were the parents of many of his fellow guards.

In his training to work in the camps, An said, he was ordered, under penalty of becoming a prisoner himself, never to show pity. It was permissible, he said, for bored guards to beat or kill prisoners.

"We were taught to look at inmates as pigs," said An, 41, adding that he worked in the camps for seven years before escaping to China in 1994. He now works in a bank in Seoul.

The rules he enforced were simple. "If you do not meet your work quota, you do not eat much," he said. "You are not allowed to sleep until you finish your work. If you still do not finish your work, you are sent to a little prison inside the camp. After three months, you leave that prison dead."

An said the camps play a crucial role in the maintenance of totalitarian rule. "All high-ranking officials underneath Kim Jong Il know that one misstep means you go to the camps, along with your family," he said.

Partly to assuage his guilt, An has become an activist and has been talking about the camps for more than a decade. He was among the first to help investigators identify camp buildings using satellite images. Still, he said, nothing will change in camp operations without sustained diplomatic pressure, especially from the United States.

INCONSISTENT U.S. APPROACH

The U.S. government has been a fickle advocate.

In the Clinton years, high-level diplomatic contacts between Washington and Pyongyang focused almost exclusively on preventing the North from developing nuclear weapons and expanding its ballistic missile capability.

President George W. Bush's administration took a radically different approach. It famously labeled North Korea as part of an "axis of evil," along with Iran and Iraq. Bush met with camp survivors. For five years, U.S. diplomats refused to have direct negotiations with North Korea.

After North Korea detonated a nuclear device in 2006, the Bush administration decided to talk. The negotiations, however, focused exclusively on dismantling Pyongyang's expanded nuclear program.

In recent months, North Korea has reneged on its promise to abandon nuclear weapons, kicked out U.N. weapons inspectors, exploded a second nuclear device and created a major security crisis in Northeast Asia.

Containing that crisis has monopolized the Obama administration's dealings with North Korea. The camps, for the time being, are a non-issue. "Unfortunately, until we get a handle on the security threat, we can't afford to deal with human rights," said Peter Beck, a former executive director of the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea.

A FAMILY'S TRIBULATIONS

Kim Young Soon, once a dancer in Pyongyang, said she spent eight years in Camp 15 during the 1970s. Under the guilt-by-association rule, she said, her four children and her parents were also sentenced to hard labor there.

At the camp, she said, her parents starved to death and her eldest son drowned. Around the time of her arrest, her husband was shot for trying to flee the country, as was her youngest son after his release from the camp.

It was not until 1989, more than a decade after her release, that she found out why she had been imprisoned. A security official told her then that she was punished because she had been a friend of Kim Jong Il's first wife

and that she would "never be forgiven again" if the state suspected that she had gossiped about the Dear Leader.

She escaped to China in 2000 and now lives in Seoul. At 73, she said she is furious that the outside world doesn't take more interest in the camps. "I had a friend who loved Kim Jong Il and for that the government killed my family," she said. "How can it be justified?"

HONORING JACK NYIRI

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the selfless service Jack Nyiri has performed throughout his lifetime for the Boy Scouts of America, specifically the Cub Scout organization.

The aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—are so very important to developing the next generation of American citizens. But these aims cannot be accomplished without the dedication of individuals like Jack Nyiri, who are willing to part with their own time and effort for the good of our children.

After participating in both Cub and Boy Scouting in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Nyiri dove into leading Cub Scout packs and participating in the administration of scouting across at least three different states. His steadfastness and excellence has been recognized through many of scouting's highest awards, as he has more than lived up to the Cub Scout motto—"Do your best."

Nowhere is Mr. Nyiri's dedication more tangible than in the success of Bus Scout Pack 96, based in Nashville, Tennessee. His leadership has built this pack into a strong and vibrant organization, and the scouts and parents of Pack 96 have expressed to me their extreme gratefulness for Mr. Nyiri's tenure as the Pack Leader.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Jack and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his accomplishments.

JEREMIAH MEYER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeremiah Meyer of Liberty, Missouri. Jeremiah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 215, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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complishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Project Name: Elevated Water Tank Construction

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing & Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Atmore, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 East Louisville Avenue, Atmore, AL 36502

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 for engineering and construction of a 500,000 gallon elevated water tank to provide a potable water supply and fire protection for the City of Atmore's industrial development park and will also augment existing water service to the Holman Correctional Institute by providing backup water supply. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,000,000. Approximately, \$75,000 [or 21%] of the earmark is expected to be used for engineering; \$25,000 [or 7%] for environmental assessment; \$50,000 [or 14%] for in ground lines and infrastructure connected to the tower; and \$200,000 [or 58%] for construction of the tower itself. The City of Atmore will provide a minimum of a 45/55 cost share and this funding will come directly from the City.

Project Name: Atmore Airport Access Road, Runway Lights, and Safety Improvements, AL
Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Airport Improvement Program
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Atmore, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 East Louisville Avenue, Atmore, AL 36502

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$475,000 for engineering and improvements to Atmore's airport, including construction of an access road to the airport terminal, rehabilitation of the airport runway lights, and improved safety zones at and surrounding the airport. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$2,300,000, of which \$1,140,000 was appropriated in FY2009. This appropriation should complete the project. Approximately, \$75,000 [or 16%] of this year's earmark will be used for engineering; \$100,000 [or 21%] for replacement lights and electrical equipment; and the remaining \$300,000 [or 63%] will be used for construction. The City of Atmore will provide the required federal match. Improvements to runway lights and correction of grading in the safety zone area will enhance safety to the flying public while complying with FAA regulations.

Project Name: Mobile Downtown Airport Taxiway A Improvements, AL

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mobile Airport Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 1891 Ninth Street, Mobile, AL 36615

Description of Request: Provide \$1,500,000 for airfield improvements at Mobile Downtown Airport (BFM)—Taxiway "A" South Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvements. Approximately, \$225,000 [or 15%] will be used for engineering; \$187,500 [or 13%] will be used for milling; \$652,500 [or 44%] will be used for asphalt; \$150,000 [or 10%] will be used for the drainage system; \$37,500 [or 2%] will be used for pavement marking; \$52,500 [or 3%] will be used for shoulder dressing; \$195,000 [or 13%] will be used for joint sealing/repair. The Mobile Airport Authority will provide the required local matching share for these federal funds. This project will consist of rehabilitating the asphalt surface and drainage system of the southern portion of Taxiway "A". The existing drainage system located below Taxiway "A" has caused a failure in the asphalt surface of the taxiway that is located between the intersection of Runway 36 and Runway 32. If the existing drainage system is not repaired, it will continue to cause deterioration of the asphalt surface, ultimately resulting in complete failure. Taxiway "A" is the only connector for aircraft landing and taking off on Runway 14/32. Over 63,000 aircraft utilized Taxiway "A" in 2008, which is over 170 aircraft per day traveling on a failing surface.

Project Name: Alabama PALS, Coastal Cleanup Equipment

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama PALS

Address of Requesting Entity: 340 North Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to Alabama PALS, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Funding will be used to provide garbage and recycling supplies, education materials, volunteer crew equipment and public awareness campaign expenses. Approximately \$90,000 [or 36%] will be used directly for the fall Coastal Cleanup Program; \$60,000 [or 24%] for the spring "Don't Drop It on Alabama" Cleanup program; \$40,000 [or 24%] will be used for a Clean Campus Program; \$10,000 [or 4%] will be used for its Adopt-A-Stream Program; \$10,000 [or 4%] will be used for its Adopt-A-Beach Program; \$10,000 [or 4%] will be used for its Adopt-An-Area Program; \$30,000 [or 12%] will be used for an environmental assessment and economic analysis. Alabama PALS will provide the required local match. In conjunction with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Alabama PALS has over 4,500 annual volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to this important coastal cleanup project. This coastal cleanup program will continue to benefit the entire state by keeping area waterways clean of debris thereby furthering Alabama's tourism industry.

Project Name: Clarke County Economic Development Initiative Infrastructure Improvements

Requesting Member: Congressman JO BONNER

Bill: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Clarke County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 114 Court Street, Grove Hill, Alabama, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 to continue an economic development project to effectively plan and build the necessary infrastructure for identified industrial property in Clarke County, Alabama. Approximately, \$89,000 [or 22%] will be used for engineering design, surveying and inspection; \$123,000 [or 31%] will be used for clearing and grading; \$106,000 [or 27%] will be used for road construction; \$72,000 [or 18%] will be used for water and sanitary sewer; \$10,000 [or 2%] will be used for grassing and erosion control. The current unemployment rate in Clarke County is 15.3% and this economic development project will help bring new industry to this area. The County Commission and five local municipalities have worked together to prepare a master plan for economic development and pledged their support for this park as it benefits the entire region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, SAM JOHNSON, am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the National Virtual Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University, Special Collections Library, Room 108, Box 41041, Lubbock, TX, 79409-1041.

This project is funded through the Department of Education's Institute of Museum and Library Services under the Museums and Libraries Account. The \$850,000 will be used to continue to develop and establish the Virtual Vietnam Archive, which is a digitized, online version of the Vietnam Archive. This multi-phased project is crucial in order for the extensive collection of the Vietnam Archive to be available to all Americans, and particularly to Vietnam veterans. The first phase focused on establishing the Virtual Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech. The second phase focused on expanding the Archive to include other private collections and other non-government collections. The requested funding will be used for the final phase, which focuses on including selected government documentary collections, which are not currently scheduled for digitization by the National Archives. The integration of the National Archives will mean that a more accurate and extensive record will be available to all Americans. The National Virtual Vietnam Archive and related Vietnam center

activities will encourage and support continuing research and education throughout the United States, benefitting scholars, students, veterans, formulators of American foreign policy as well as the general public.

HONORING MAJOR THOMAS COX
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Major Tom Cox, who is retiring from the United States Air Force after over 20 years of dedicated service.

Major Cox began his career as an Airman at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha where he became the youngest Airman ever selected as a Security Team Member on the National Emergency Airborne Command Post. Following this assignment he attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha and was commissioned in 1993 through the ROTC program. He has served his country through a variety of assignments in law enforcement and counterintelligence. Major Cox served as Chief of Counterintelligence and Chief of Offensive Counterintelligence at Tinker Air Force Base and Andrews Air Force Base identifying national vulnerabilities and identifying and defeating foreign governments targeting U.S. assets. He commanded the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at Misawa Air Base, Japan and directed the Command and Control Division at Kunsan Air Base, Korea. Major Cox finished his career by passing on his experience and insights to future agents through his work on the Air Staff and at Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and while leading over 60 agents deployed to Iraq in counterintelligence efforts.

His retirement allows for reflection on what can only be considered a sterling career. He has admirably served his country without question or reservation. His fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines will attest that Major Cox sets the standard regarding attributes such as honor, respect, duty and country.

On behalf of my colleagues, and myself, I extend to Major Tom Cox my gratitude, deep appreciation and well wishes for prosperous retirement years. Thank you for your service to our country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill:

Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Enhancements:

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg for the continued development of a Bus Rapid Transit corridor along Central Avenue. The funding will be used for station development, streetscaping, signalization, surface street improvements, and pedestrian connectors. \$475,000 was provided for this project in FY 2009. The city will provide \$100,000.

Clearwater Downtown Intermodal Terminal:

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Description of request: \$1,250,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for the construction of an Intermodal Terminal in downtown Clearwater to provide better transit connectivity for the residents of Clearwater and Pinellas County. This project is consistent with local Metropolitan Planning Organization and Florida Department of Transportation priorities for public transit amenity improvements and will provide additional benefits for future Bus Rapid Transit development by providing an accessible stop in Clearwater for various modes including pedestrian, bicycling, taxis, private charter and PSTA buses, vanpools, and carpools. This project will be undertaken by PSTA in collaboration with the City of Clearwater and Pinellas County and when construction begins, this project could provide employment for over 300 local residents. This is the first federal funding requested for this project.

St. Petersburg City Trails Project:

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg for the City Trails program to enhance the safety of its bicycle and pedestrian trails. These improvements include the installation of the Enhancer, a rapid-flashing beacon at marked crosswalks, and countdown pedestrian signals and enhanced marking and traffic signs for mid-block crosswalks. This funding will allow the City to install these devices at eight new locations and construct two additional miles of sidewalk and/or 10 miles of new bike lanes.

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Terminal Improvements:

Account: Federal Aviation Administration, Grants-in-Aid for Airports

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of request: \$1,000,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for runway, taxiway, and lighting rehabilitation at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. Improvements will address structural problems and requirements needed to increase safety, to meet energy efficiency standards, and to accommodate airline growth. \$831,250 was provided for airport improvements in FY 2009. Pinellas County will contribute \$750,000.

Veterans Commons:

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Central City Community Development Corporation, 2826 North Central Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the Central City Community Development Corporation for the renovation and construction of a complex to provide housing services for the underemployed and mentoring programs for at-risk youth. Veterans Commons is a planned community revitalization project to provide more than 350 affordable rental housing units, establish 25 new micro-entrepreneurial and retail outlets, and support community partnerships dedicated to the mentoring of at-risk youth and the underemployed. The project coordinates the activities and resources of many community-wide organizations and institutions under one redevelopment plan for Tampa Heights, potentially creating 400 jobs. No previous federal funds were requested for this project.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL KRISTINE V. NAKUTIS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Kristine V. Nakutis, who is retiring this month after more than 20 years of service to the United States Army. A portion of that time was spent as Commander of the Milan Army Ammunition Plant, which I am honored to represent in this chamber.

Lieutenant Colonel Kristine V. Nakutis assumed command of Milan Army Ammunition Plant on July 12, 2004. A native of Meriden, Connecticut, Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis received her commission as an Army Ordnance officer in May 1989 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Upon graduating with honors, she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and departed for the Ordnance Officer Basic Course in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis' first assignment was at 24th Ordnance Company, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, where she served as a Magazine Platoon Leader for two years. This assignment allowed her the opportunity to support National Training Center rotations for 24th Infantry Division, Operation Just Cause in support of 1/75th Ranger Regiment, and the deployment of 24th Infantry Division to Saudi Arabia.

In support of Operation Desert Shield, Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis deployed her platoon to Saudi Arabia and established the largest Corps Storage Area (CSA) of ammunition in direct support of 18th Airborne Corps. During her deployment, she assumed command of 24th Ordnance Company for a period of 35 days, while they prepared to transition to Operation Desert Storm and the forward movement of troops and supplies.

Upon returning from Desert Storm, she assumed the position of Assistant Protocol Offi-

cer for 24th Infantry Division. She received reassignment to the Republic of Korea, where she worked as the 6th Ordnance Battalion's S2/3 Officer and Company Commander of 538th Ordnance Company. Her other assignments include Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia; Corps Ammunition Manager, 4th CMMC, Fort Hood, Texas; and Corps Ammunition Planner, 13th COSCOM, Fort Hood, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she earned a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy with a follow-on three year assignment as an Assistant Professor at the United States Military Academy in the Department of English. Upon departing USMA, she became the Support Operations Officer for 6th Ordnance Battalion, Republic of Korea, in July 2002. In this position, she was responsible for the U.S. ammunition stocks valued at more than \$6 billion.

She served a 90-day tour in Baghdad, Iraq, as a mentor to Iraqi Ammunition Officers to help them establish strategic ammunition management systems.

Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf clusters); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Superior Unit Award; Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf clusters); Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf clusters); Kuwaiti Liberation Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Presidential Unit Citation (with one Oak Leaf cluster); Iraqi Freedom Medal.

Madam Speaker, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis in her position as Commander of the Milan Army Ammunition Plant, a facility that is important to our nation's defense. I hope you and our colleagues will join us to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis on her retirement, thank her for her service and wish her all the best.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, FY2010 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface and Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 310 Maple Park Drive, SE, Olympia, WA 98504

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$400,000 for advancing project design, purchasing critical right of ways, and supplement project construction in the corridor from Interstate 90 to U.S. 395 at Wandermere in Spokane, WA. When completed, this 60 mile per hour freeway facility will connect Interstate 90 on the south with U.S. 2 and U.S. 395 in the

north of Spokane. The U.S. 395 North Spokane Corridor will move freight and other traffic off of existing congested surface streets. The completed facility will accommodate the current and growing freight traffic that annually goes through Spokane.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface and Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port of Walla Walla

Address of Requesting Entity: 310 A Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Description of Request: Provide \$400,000 for the U.S. Highway 12 Burbank to Walla Walla Phase 7 Project. This project phase is the fifth of seven construction phases on corridor improvement that will upgrade the U.S. 12 corridor. Expanding U.S. 12 from two lanes to a four-lane, divided highway is critical for improving safety, fostering economic development throughout southeast Washington and addressing growing congestion.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Alternatives Analysis account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Houston Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons, Suite 120; Houston, TX 77027

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 to the Houston Galveston Area Council to conduct a regional transportation study to develop a blueprint to address the region's long-term transportation needs. The results of the study will indicate that significant transportation improvements will be needed in several parts of the city, including the Texas Medical Center due to the unprecedented growth that is anticipated. Demands for cost-effective and environmentally-friendly mobility solutions are increasing. The Houston Galveston Area Council will use this funding to identify targeted mobility improvements for developing an efficient and functional multimodal transportation system in the Texas Medical Center. This planning is essential to keep Houston and the Texas Medical Center moving forward.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Bus and bus facilities account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Houston METRO, 1990 Main Street; Houston, TX 77028

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,420,000 to Houston METRO to replace and expand its bus service. Houston METRO maintains one of the best public bus systems in the country. According to Federal guidelines, buses should be replaced every 12 years. This request will provide funding to continue expansion of the Park & Ride system throughout the Houston area and be used to purchase replacement buses for the METRO fleet. METRO has about 1,200 buses and has developed an annual replacement schedule that replaces 100 buses per year.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN CULBERSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, New starts/ fixed guideway account.

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Houston METRO, 1990 Main Street; Houston, TX 77028

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$75,000,000 to Houston METRO to build the North and Southeast light rail lines approved by voters. In 2003, the voters of Houston approved the METRO Solutions plan that includes buses, light rail, and commuter rail. This request will continue to help fund the final design, land acquisition, and construction for the first segments on the North Corridor and Southeast Corridor Projects only. Additionally, this funding will also help begin the planning work for commuter rail segments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Entity: City of Round Rock, Texas

Address of Requesting Entity: 221 East Main St, Round Rock, TX 78664

Description: \$750,000 in funding for FM 1460 Roadway Improvements from the FHWA TCSP account. This project will provide for the widening of FM 1460 (North A.W. Grimes Boulevard) from north of Old Settlers Boulevard to north of University Boulevard. The project will reconstruct the existing two lane minor arterial roadway to a four lane divided major arterial roadway using current best practices in roadway design and including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in accordance with Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) policy.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Requesting Entity: City of Belton, TX
Address of Requesting Entity: 333 Water St, Belton, TX 76513

Description: \$750,000 in funding for the City of Belton's Ninth Avenue Extension and Overpass Construction. During rush hours, this main commercial artery experiences congestion that limits commerce and delivery of county services in Belton. Belton, Texas, will extend West 9th Avenue and construct an overpass, spanning Nolan Creek, which will alleviate current Main Street congestion. This project, which appears on the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will construct a 1,500 feet extension of 9th Avenue to include 36' pavement, an overpass structure, pedestrian safety mechanisms and wastewater infrastructure.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Requesting Entity: City of Round Rock, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 221 East Main St, Round Rock, TX 78664

Description: \$500,000 in funding for the Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Improvements in Round Rock, Texas. This project will provide infrastructure improvements on Main Street from IH 35 to San Saba Street including street, utility and sidewalk improvements. Construction of a new bridge across Lake Creek is also included in the scope of the project. In the 2001 General Obligation Bond election, Round Rock residents made a commitment to providing financing for projects that would foster downtown development. Federal funding will be necessary to support engineering, utility relocation and design and construction activities related to this project. The total project cost is \$3.3 million. A preliminary budget breakdown is as follows: Engineering—\$425,000; Utilities—\$250,000; Design and Construction—\$2,625,000

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Neighborhood Initiatives

Requesting entity: City of Harker Heights, Texas

Address of Requesting Entity: 305 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights, TX 76548

Description: \$750,000 in funding from the HUD EDI account for the City of Harker Heights for the construction a full Armed Services YMCA recreation center on City property. In addition, it would provide recreation and rehabilitation opportunities to the citizens of Harker Heights and to Armed Services personnel both retired and active. Engineering, surveying and inspection will cost approximately \$700,000. Construction costs will be an approximate \$6.3 million.

Requesting Member: JOHN R. CARTER

Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Requesting entity: Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2910 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702

Description: \$1,250,000 in funding for the Capital Metro Transportation Authority of the

purchase of para-transit vehicles from the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities account to assist with the replacement of vehicles in our accessible fleet. This funding will allow Capital Metro to service persons with disabilities and allow continued door to door service to allow disabled persons access to mass transit.

RECOGNIZING THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Ohio State University Medical Center. OSU Medical Center has been listed among U.S. News and World Report's list of "Honor Roll" hospitals.

Praised for their quality care and performance, OSU Medical Center is among only 21 hospitals in the country named to this elite list. This is the 17th consecutive year that OSU Medical Center has been considered one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News and World Report.

The Ohio State University Medical Center is one of the largest and most diverse academic medical centers in the country. OSUMC has been recognized for more than six specialties including the Ross Heart Hospital, which ranked 37 among 4,861 hospitals and the James Cancer Hospital, which ranked 18th for cancer treatment. In addition, the list also includes ear, nose and throat, diabetes and endocrinology, gynecology, kidney disease, orthopedics, respiratory disorders, rehabilitation and urology.

This success is a direct reflection of the staff and faculty at the Ohio State University Medical Center. All are credited for helping to make the OSU Medical Center a leader in medicine in creating a future that will improve people's lives. Their education, research, and dedication to personalized care for every patient is truly commendable.

I offer my congratulations to the entire OSU Medical Center community for the hospital's excellence in care and the honor of ranking as one of America's Best Hospitals in 2009 and 2010.

FRANK MELVILLE SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my strong support for H.R. 1675, the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Act. I commend Representatives CHRISTOPHER MURPHY (CT) and JUDY BIGGERT (IL) for introducing this bill and I also thank my colleagues on the Financial Services Committee for passing this bill and bringing it to the floor this week.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, this legislation makes several important changes to the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program. This bill is strongly sup-

ported by a wide array of disability advocacy groups, in particular the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a group of 100 national disability organizations which includes The Arc of the United States, United Cerebral Palsy, the National Disability Rights Network, the American Network of Community Options and Resources, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Easter Seals, United Spinal Association, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Brain Injury Association.

John Chafee—the late Senator from Rhode Island and a true champion for disabled Americans—always made it clear that "your abilities, not your disabilities, will determine your future." As a recipient of the John Chafee Leadership in Public Policy Award in 2002, I am always mindful of his vision.

I have long advocated for public housing programs, particularly for those that would benefit those with disabilities. Disabled Americans, like all Americans, deserve equal access to fundamental resources such as housing. In particular, I worked to ensure that vouchers were not lost when disabled people moved.

An estimated 50,000 non-elderly, disabled vouchers were funded by Congress between FY 1997 and FY 2001. Funding for these vouchers is estimated at \$250–\$275 million annually. Approximately 400 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) administer these vouchers.

These incremental vouchers for non-elderly, disabled individuals and families were intended to replace housing for non-elderly people with disabilities lost as a result of the "elderly only" designation of public and assisted housing since 1993.

The CCD Housing Task Force estimated that the loss due to this designation has approached 500,000 units since 1992, including 100,000 public housing units and 400,000 assisted housing units.

To correct HUD's misinterpretation of Congressional intent, the House of Representatives has gone on the record on numerous occasions since 2000. Congress has clarified the policy that "turnover" vouchers should continue to be provided to certain people with disabilities as provided by Congress.

Language was included both in advisory reports for appropriations bills, and following continued inaction by HUD, actual bill language that was included in Conference reports signed by the President.

It was not until February 2005 that HUD issued guidance to PHAs detailing their ongoing obligation to ensure that these vouchers remain targeted upon turnover to the disabled population Congress intended.

Therefore, we've been fortunate to finally make "real" progress for disabled Americans. Through efforts in Congress, including my work on the House Appropriations Committee, each of the Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bills included \$30 million for new incremental vouchers to be specifically targeted towards disabled and homeless veteran populations.

This will insure that existing vouchers for those populations are not rolled over into "mainstream" voucher programs that primarily benefit older Americans.

This legislation greatly reforms the Section 811 program, including new programs to remove outdated regulatory barriers and better track the status of vouchers that are currently in use. By doing so, this bill greatly expands on recent progress that the Congress has

made with regard to our nation's housing programs.

Again, Mr. Speaker, similar legislation was unanimously passed by the House under Suspension of the Rules in September 2008 and I am happy to see that the current Congress has made it a priority to see this legislation become law.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. At 4:18 Eastern time on the afternoon of July 20, 1969, the Lunar Module appropriately named "Eagle" touched down on the Moon at Tranquility Base.

A few hours later, just before 11 p.m., Neil Armstrong descended from Eagle's ladder and set foot on the lunar surface.

Days before, on July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 lifted off into an uncertain future. In the end, the mission gave us a monumental moment in the history of exploration and cemented America's place as a leader in science and technology.

Since then, the men and women of our space program have experienced triumphs and tragedies—all the while inspiring our younger generation to explore what lies beyond the next horizon.

I have been honored to meet some of the individuals involved with the Apollo 11 mission, and I hope to see their legacy continued.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY

Project Funding Amount: \$100,000

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Small Business Administration
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology (FIT).

Address of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute of Technology, 150 West University Blvd., Melbourne, Florida 32901.

Description of Request: This funding is will be used at FIT's ABTA Institute to continue collecting data and creating a database to publish standards and tables of government activities so that comparisons can be made between different providers of services to find

out which ones are more cost effective. This initiative is aimed at providing accountability on how taxpayer dollars are spent with the goal of providing taxpayers with greater transparency of government expenditures.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

CONGRATULATING THE SCRANTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Scranton Jewish Community Center on its 100th anniversary celebration.

The Scranton Jewish Community Center, or JCC, was founded as the YMHA, or Young Men's Hebrew Association, on September 12, 1909. The YMHA humbly began in the rear of a candy store on Penn Avenue. However, not long after holding its first meeting, membership grew rapidly. The group, under the leadership of the first president, Mr. A. Freedman, rented bigger rooms on Wyoming Avenue.

Less than four years later, the Ladies' Auxiliary was established forcing the group to look for a more permanent location—resulting in the first resoundingly successful fundraising campaign of the YM-YWHA.

After raising over \$50,000, under the direction of A.B. Cohen, the association purchased the Matthews Homestead and was able to officially open on December 5, 1915.

With its growing success and its growing membership, larger facilities were again needed. Myer Davidow donated \$50,000, which was matched by the building committee to remodel the existing property.

Between 1934 and 1938 the club system had reached the apex of function and success. The YM-YWHA provided various programming benefiting the entire Jewish community of Scranton.

Between 1946 and 1949 the "Y" programs continued to prosper and another successful fundraising campaign began. Also, a new constitution was adopted renaming the organization the Jewish Community Center.

On May 15, 1953, Judge Brady granted the organization's plea to erect a new center on Jefferson Avenue. The JCC was given \$200,000 over a ten-year period as well as \$450,000 and collected out-standing pledges resulting in an additional \$400,000 for the building project.

Between 1955 and 1979 JCC programs expanded to include theater, art and film festivals, camps, dances and balls, cultural and women's affairs under their new roof on Jefferson Avenue. Meanwhile, a \$750,000 revitaliza-

tion project helped establish a fitness center for JCC members.

In the 1980s and 1990s, an emphasis was placed on community cooperation and coordination. The JCC collaborated with area agencies including the YMCA and United Way.

The Golden Agers made their way into JCC programming with senior-focused tours, trips and clubs.

In 1998 the Capital Campaign chaired by Steven Seitchik set a goal of \$400,000. They exceeded their goal receiving pledges totalling \$666,208 of which 99.9% was collected.

Since 2000, the Scranton JCC has continued to expand and perfect its programming for the community as it provides for the needs of members. Also available are "Teen Trips to Israel" which offers lowered costs to those participating.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Scranton Jewish Community Center on 100 years of success. The Scranton JCC has set an example in Scranton of an organization focused on its members' needs spiritually, mentally, physically, socially and educationally. Their work in the community has provided innumerable benefits for Scranton and has improved the quality of life throughout the region.

35TH COMMEMORATION OF THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 35th Commemoration of the invasion and occupation of Cyprus. In 1974, the Turkish Military invaded Cyprus, and 35 years later, the military still occupies over one-third of the island. The invasion and subsequent occupation led to the deaths of thousands and the forced displacement of nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots.

Fortunately, President Christofias and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Talat, have made several agreements to improve relationships between the two communities on the island, and the settlement negotiations are ongoing. It is my hope that these negotiations will yield a bi-communal, bizonal federation for Cyprus that adheres to UN resolutions.

I rise today to stand with the people of Cyprus to seek a long overdue solution to this decades-long division. To succeed, a settlement effort should be of the Cypriots, by the Cypriots and for the Cypriots.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed nine votes. Had I been present I would have voted.

Rollcall No. 596, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Con.Res. 164, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 597, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2729, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 598, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1622, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 599, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to, as Amended, H.Res. 507, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 600, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Res. 270, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 601, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to S.Con.Res. 30, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 602, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.Con.Res. 123, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 603, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1933, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 604, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2632, I would have voted "yea."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

TITLE I: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Somerset County

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 3000, Somerset, New Jersey 08876-1262.

Funding Level: \$1,250,000

Description of Request: This project, authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, would relieve current and projected traffic congestion, improve vehicular and pedestrian safety and integrate access to mass transit in one of the fastest growing regions in New Jersey. This area is currently the site of extremely dangerous accident "hot spots," and this funding will greatly improve roadway and pedestrian safety. Further, it has been estimated by the county that drivers are subjected to over 100 hours of transit delays per year in Somerset County.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses and Bus facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: One Penn Plaza, Newark, New Jersey 07105.

Funding Level: \$2,350,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding the funding would be used for intermodal improvements throughout Northern New Jersey. Ridership on public transportation is at all time highs and it is critical to ensure that our public transportation system operates smoothly and can handle this increased demand.

TITLE II: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Employment Horizons, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927.

Funding Level: \$400,000

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding will be used to renovate and refurbish the Employment Horizons facility to enhance self-sufficiency and increase productivity for the disabled population that has occupied the building for the past 38 years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure pursuant to Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I support included in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE OLSON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Name of Recipient: Federal Highway Administration

Address of Recipient: 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590-9898

Description of Request: \$500,000 in funding would be used on development of the I-69 route in Texas, particularly the expansion to interstate standards of highways 77, 281, and 59, from Laredo and the Lower Rio Grande Valley through Houston to Texarkana. This project has been authorized under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and designated by Congress as a "high priority corridor." This funding would be used to work to obtain environmental clearances so as not to further delay ongoing construction of the corridor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of Arkansas

Address of Requesting Entity: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72203

Description of Request: \$1,000,000 in funding would be used to continue development and construction of a project to widen Interstate 540 and improve existing interchanges from Fayetteville north in Washington and Benton Counties. The purpose of these improvements is to relieve existing traffic congestion, to provide increased capacity to accommodate future traffic growth, and to enhance motorist safety.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of Arkansas

Address of Requesting Entity: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72203

Description of Request: \$1,050,000 in funding would be used for buses and bus facilities for Arkansas' small urban and rural transit systems, and to supplement the procurement of ADA vans and small buses for Arkansas' 250 community human service organizations serving the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Smith

Address of Requesting Entity: 623 Garrison Avenue, Suite 315, Fort Smith, AR 72902

Description of Request: \$250,000 will be used for the planning, design, and construction of a Riverfront area, which will include the new U.S. Marshals Museum. This is a revitalization and redevelopment area that is expected to bring visitors, new businesses, and focus to this area of Arkansas. Because this area is adjacent to historic and National Park sites, taxpayer dollars will be spent creating an area focused on showcasing US history, and which is expected to attract tourists from all over the world.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Aurora

Address of Requesting Entity: 44 East Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois 60507

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$1,000,000 for Ogden Avenue Grade Separation, Aurora, IL: Engineering and design is needed to jumpstart Grade Separation Engineering for IL Route 34 in Aurora, Illinois due to Canadian National Railroad four-fold increase in rail traffic.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on July 21, 2009 I was absent for two rollcall votes. Had I been here, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 598 and "yes" on rollcall vote 599.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following in regards to the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Ranchero Road Corridor Project

Account: FHWA-Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hesperia, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 9700 Seventh Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345.

Description of Request: Funding will help construct an interchange at Ranchero Road and I-15. The project will improve motorist circulation, reduce traffic congestion, and promote commerce. This project is eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funding as the IM program provides funding for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including adding lanes to increase capacity, on most existing Interstate System routes. IM program requires 10% local match.

Amount: \$1 million

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Yucca Loma Bridge/Interstate 15 Congestion Relief Project

Account: FHWA—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Apple Valley

Address of Requesting Entity: 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307

Description of Request: This project, to design, engineer, and construct an east-west transportation corridor across the Mojave River, would serve the urban/commercial core of Apple Valley and Victorville. The interchange portion of the project will serve as a conduit across the I-15 freeway and help disperse traffic from existing interchanges. The project will improve motorist circulation, reduce traffic congestion, and promote commerce. This project is Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible as those program funds may be used to carry out projects involving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing,

restoration, and operational improvements for highways. STP program requires 20% local match.

Amount: \$750,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Potrero Boulevard/SR 60 Interchange

Account: FHWA-Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Beaumont, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 East 6th St., Beaumont, CA 92223

Description of Request: The project, to engineer and construct the Potrero Boulevard/SR 60 interchange, will relieve congestion and improve safety at the Interstate 10 and SR 60 interchange. This project is Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible as those program funds may be used to carry out projects involving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational improvements for highways. STP program requires 20% local match.

Amount: \$750,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: I-215 and University Parkway

Account: FHWA-Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Bernardino, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. D St., San Bernardino, CA 92346

Description of Request: This project would construct a direct connector ramp from westbound University Parkway to southbound I-215. Constructing an additional southbound entrance ramp will provide the necessary relief for traffic on both sides on the interchange. The benefits include additional growth for Cal State San Bernardino, continued development of upper scale residential units in the vicinity of the university and continued commercial and industrial development on the west side of I-215. This project is eligible for IM funding as the IM program provides funding for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including adding lanes to increase capacity, on most existing Interstate System routes. IM program requires 10% local match.

Amount: \$750,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Needles Highway

Account: FHWA-Public Lands Highway Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Associated Governments

Address of Requesting Entity: 1170 W. 3rd St. 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715

Description of Request: The realignment and widening of the Needles Highway will facilitate motorist safety, economic development, and future capacity needs due to increased

freight movement from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Improvements to the highway are necessary for improved motorist safety as well as to reduce road flooding and wash-outs. Additionally, improvements are necessary as Needles Highway provides access to and from a number of Indian reservations in the area. This project is Public Lands Highway Program (PLHP) eligible as the PLHP program provides for transportation planning, research, engineering, and construction of highways, roads, and parkways and transit facilities within public lands, national parks, and Indian reservations. PLHP requires no local match.

Amount: \$1 million

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Verdemont Community Center

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Bernardino

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92418

Description of Request: Complete phase one of the Verdemont Community Center as part of the City of San Bernardino's Capital Improvement Program. The San Bernardino region, suffering from high unemployment and increasing crime, would benefit from the multi-purpose facility with gym, meeting rooms, library and amphitheater for low to moderate income families.

Amount: \$500,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS

Project Name: Inland Empire Economic Recovery Corporation

Bill Number: Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Neighborhood Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of San Bernardino, Riverside County

Address of Requesting Entity: County of San Bernardino, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave, 5th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415

Riverside County, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Request: This funding will be used to further an Inland Empire regional collaboration between San Bernardino County, Riverside County and the not-for-profit Inland Empire Economic Recovery Corporation. This collaboration uses innovative ways to address the region's foreclosure and unemployment crisis. By purchasing, rehabilitating and selling low to moderate income single family homes at a market rate, the collaboration will stabilize home prices, create job opportunities and revitalize neighborhoods. Because the region ranks 6th nationally in foreclosures, surpassed 12% unemployment, and faces continued decreases in median home values of over 50% since 2006, the collaboration will serve as a model for how other increasingly distressed regions across the country address foreclosures, neighborhood blight and joblessness.

Amount: \$1,000,000

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution (H. Res. 607) honoring the tremendous achievement of the crew of Apollo 11 and the thousands who labored for nearly a decade to lay the groundwork for the first human landing on the surface of the Moon.

Today marks the 40th anniversary of this historic flight that challenged and changed America. In Dayton, Ohio—the Birthplace of Aviation—the Wright Brothers set the process of human flight in motion. Today, Dayton is home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the U.S. Air Force Museum, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF). The National Aviation Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization founded in Dayton in 1962 and chartered by Congress in 1964 to honor America's outstanding air and space pioneers.

I congratulate the Apollo 11 crew on their magnificent accomplishment of being the first to land successfully on the Moon. Dayton welcomed the Apollo astronauts this past weekend during two days of special events spotlighting their service. On July 17, all of the Apollo astronauts, including the Apollo 11 crew, were honored by the National Aviation Hall of Fame with the "Spirit of Flight" Award for their contributions to the advancement of flight. Thirteen of the original Apollo program astronauts attended the event held in the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB Friday night, including Ohio native Neil Armstrong. The former Apollo crewmen also participated in a panel discussion about their experiences in space.

Dayton was also pleased to host on July 18 "America's Oscar Night of Aviation" as the National Aviation Hall of Fame enshrined four aviation legends. Those honored included astronaut Edward White, II, who made America's first spacewalk on the Gemini IV mission. White lost his life in a flash fire that occurred during an Apollo 1 launch pad test at the Kennedy Space Center.

Also inducted into the 2009 Class of the National Aviation Hall of Fame was astronaut Eileen Collins, the Air Force's first female flight instructor and the first female Space Shuttle commander.

From the Wright Brothers, to the Apollo program crews, to our Shuttle astronauts, America should pause to reflect upon the bravery, sacrifice and service of our aviation pioneers. They have inspired us not only to reach higher, but also to dream that anything is possible.

H. CON. RES. 131, DIRECTING THE AOC TO ENGRAVE "IN GOD WE TRUST"

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 131, directing the Architect of the

Capitol to engrave our National Motto and the Pledge of Allegiance in the Capitol Visitor Center.

These two statements of historical significance speak to the culture and development of our nation as a people united by a core set of philosophical maxims. This resolution stands as a tribute to the work of our founding fathers, a legacy that this body has been entrusted to maintain.

Abraham Lincoln argued that the Constitution could not be read properly without reference to the Declaration of Independence whereby the origin of our individual rights is identified as God. The Declaration refers to those unalienable rights as endowed by God, or "their Creator" with a capital "C," specifying that those rights do not exist except by the grace of God.

This concept, of individual rights as given by God, is the very foundation upon which our Constitution stands. It was revolutionary at the time because it defines the worth of an individual apart from and prior to the state. To refuse to recognize God as the origin of our unalienable rights is to refuse the very basis by which one's worth is established.

Removing God as the basis by which we define and recognize our individual rights removes a constancy within our constitutional order, subjecting the definition of those rights to an ever changing and inconsistent standard of public opinion and momentary context. It is the very fact that these rights are endowed by our Creator that makes them unalienable—a truth we as a nation must never forget.

Furthermore, acknowledgement of God and His tenets has been an integral part of our national story, since its inception. Those assenting to the Declaration understood it as an appeal "to the Supreme Judge of the world for rectitude of our intentions."

Moreover, George Washington, in his farewell address, observed, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness—these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

When Patrick Henry advocated revolution in his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech before the Virginia House of Burgesses, he declared, "Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power." Continuing, "[We] shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us."

Madam Speaker, the reliance upon and foundational belief in God is deeply interwoven into the fabric of this nation's beginning and growth. So much so that, to omit an appeal to Providence in the retelling of our history would be a profound disservice to that history.

In the short period that the Capitol Visitor Center has been open it has attracted over one million visitors, with many more to come. The historical offering of the CVC will be augmented by this resolution, ensuring that the philosophy which provided the Cornerstone for our great nation will endure in words, and as many of us in this body aspire, hopefully in deed as well.

I urge the support of my colleagues for this resolution and look forward to its swift passage.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____ Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: AIP

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County International Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 177 Ash Dr., Kimball, MI 48074

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$500,000.00, would be used to extend the runway thus allowing larger and heavier aircraft to access St. Clair County. This airport has provided commercial, corporate and general aviation services for over 55 years.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sanilac County

Address of Requesting Entity: 60 W. Sanilac Rd., Sanilac County Courthouse, Room 214, Sandusky, MI 48471

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used to continue to build a bike path between Lexington and Port Sanilac. This is a great need in the area for a safe and secure bike path that is isolated from motorized traffic. This project is also expected to help promote tourism in the area.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Baltimore

Address of Requesting Entity: 36535 Green St., New Baltimore, MI 48047

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used for a non-motorized pedestrian path to be located on the east side of County Line Road between Green St. and Hobarth Rd. This will address the need for a safe, non-motorized route along a major thoroughfare of County Line Rd. and offer direct access to Anchor Bay High School.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Marine City

Address of Requesting Entity: 303 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used to help rehabilitate the City Hall which is on the historical register. It would restore the interior and exterior of the building. The surrounding grounds have become the cornerstone of Marine City's historic district.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Tinley Park

Address of Requesting Entity: 16250 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for Tinley Park 80th Avenue Metra Station Development, Tinley Park, IL: The Village of Tinley Park has collaborated with Metra to develop a new building, warming shelters, and pedestrian underpass to accommodate increasing ridership at Metra's second busiest location.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Awarded under: Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Priorities

WV Route 480 Pedestrian Bridge and Safety Improvements

Corporation of Shepherdstown

PO Box 248 Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Project will construct a pedestrian bridge spanning over WV Rt. 480 and improved pedestrian and vehicular traffic conditions upon entry into the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Awarded under: Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Priorities

U.S. Route 33

City of Spencer

116 Court Street Spencer, WV 25276

Funds will be used for the continuing construction of U.S. Route 33.

Awarded under: Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative
Harpers Ferry Interpretative Welcome Center

Jefferson County Convention & Visitors Bureau (JCCVB)
37 Washington Ct, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

This project is to create a full service "green" Welcome Center/Attraction along Rt. 340, the eastern Gateway into West Virginia and across from the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Nearly 5 million visitors come here annually.

Awarded under: Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative

Morgan County Ice House Art & Community Center

PO Box 248 Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

The Morgan Arts Council, owner of the Ice House, has been renovating the former cold storage building in the heart of downtown Berkeley Springs for use as an economic development, education and art center. The requested amount of funding is needed to match a WV Cultural Facilities grant which is already beyond original end date. The extension granted is soon to expire. The total amount of funding with your allocation plus the state grant would allow construction of necessary infrastructure to finish development of the second floor and of the upper two floors of the four-story, 40,000 sf structure.

HONORING STEVE McNAIR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the life and legacy of National Football League star quarterback Steve McNair.

McNair played college football at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi where he won the 1994 Walter Payton Award as the top player in NCAA Division I-AA. McNair's college career became the stuff of legend, a true story of the all-conquering hero. As a mere freshman, McNair set nine records and was named Southwestern Athletic Conference player of the year. In his sophomore year, he led the nation in total offense, average 405.7 yards per game. McNair racked up numerous 500-plus-passing-yard games, and many times he added another 100 yards rushing.

McNair was drafted third overall by the NFL's Houston Oilers in 1995. He became the Oilers' regular starting quarterback in 1997. At 22, he had become the Oilers' highest-paid player. Quarterbacks usually develop more gradually than other players their first season. In Tennessee, though, he started six games over the prior two seasons in Houston, and remained the starting quarterback for the Titans until 2005. As the steady starter at quarterback, McNair steadily accrued impressive stats on third-down conversions and pass completions, touchdowns per starts, and rushing, among others. In the 1997 season, for example, his 674 yards rushing was the third-highest for a quarterback in NFL history. By the end of that season, McNair had garnered the second-best overall rating of any quarterback drafted in the previous six years from that point on McNair had become one of the league's best quarterbacks. At the end of the 1998 season, the Titans—the Oilers' new name—had placed second in the AFC Central.

In 1999 McNair led to the Titans to an AFC championship. When he took the field as the starting quarterback against the St. Louis Rams, he became just the second black quarterback to start in the Super Bowl. Though the Titans lost the game to the Rams, McNair's strong performance did not go unnoticed around the league, where McNair was considered a rising star. The Titans signed McNair to a six-year, \$47 million contract extension in July of 2001.

After the 2005 season, McNair was traded to the Baltimore Ravens, with whom he played for two seasons before retiring after 13 NFL seasons. McNair led the Titans to the playoffs four times and the Ravens once, and played in Super Bowl XXXIV with the Titans. He is the Titans' all-time leading passer. McNair was selected to the Pro Bowl three times, and was All-Pro and Co-MVP in 2003.

The contributions Steve McNair made to college and professional football will never be forgotten. He touched the lives of many people on and off the field. Steve McNair will truly be missed by his community and colleagues throughout the country.

Please join me today in honoring the remarkable life of Steve McNair.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. JOHN L. HERNDON III

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John L. Herndon, a man of exceptional character and integrity. Dr. Herndon has numerous talents and great ability, and he has served the people of Huntsville, most notably as minister of the Word and Sacrament at Fellowship Presbyterian Church. His dedicated service to the Fellowship Church family, the Presbyterian Church, and our community for more than 20 years is a strong testament to his passion for service and leadership.

A life-long learner, Dr. Herndon has used his diverse interests to benefit people in many sectors. As a scientist, Dr. Herndon worked for the National Bureau of Standards and NASA, in addition to serving as Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health in Georgia. In 1985, Dr. Herndon was called to the ministry, and after obtaining a degree in Theology, he began a distinguished career at the Fellowship Church. Dr. Herndon has earned respect from the community for his unyielding resolve and dedication to youth development through justice and education. He was a court appointed juvenile advocate, police chaplain, and member of Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Youth Neglect.

His work as a church and community leader is filled with faithful commitment to the training of young minds. Dr. Herndon's legacy grows with each passing day. I am honored to recognize a man of great service. Through his service to our community, he has had an invaluable impact on the lives he has encountered.

Madam Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for Dr. John L. Herndon III and his faithful service to the congregation at Fellowship Church and the Tennessee Valley area.

THE ALZHEIMER'S BREAKTHROUGH ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act. I would like to thank my colleague and fellow co-chair of the bipartisan Alzheimer's Task Force, Mr. Chris Smith of New Jersey, for continuing to partner with me on this important legislation.

An estimated 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, and one in ten individuals has a family member with the disease. Unless science finds a way to prevent or cure it, nearly 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease by the year 2050. Additionally, in 2005, Medicare spent \$91 billion for the care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease, and this amount is projected to increase to \$160 billion in 2010.

While we have made great progress in the battle against Alzheimer's, more needs to be done to combat this devastating disease. This bill will increase the federal commitment to Alzheimer's research and prevention and offer assistance for caregivers.

Our bill contains urgently needed increases in National Institutes of Health funding for Alzheimer's disease research, prevention initiatives, clinical research support, public education programs and innovative approaches to Alzheimer's care. Assistance to caregivers is included in this legislation with the establishment of an Alzheimer's Call Center offering advice and care consultation. It also authorizes the director of the National Institute on Aging to make grants or conduct clinical, social and behavioral research related to interventions designed to help caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Madam Speaker, the best way to fight this disease and reduce the number of patients who suffer from Alzheimer's disease is to find ways to prevent it before it starts. Investments we make now in Alzheimer's disease and aging research could lead to longer, healthier lives for Americans and significantly lower costs to the federal government. Congress must act now to strengthen the federal commitment to preventing Alzheimer's disease and assisting those who give care to the victims of this disease.

I look forward to continue working with my colleagues on this important issue throughout the legislative process.

HONORING 2010 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MEGAN ALLEN

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 2010 Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year, Megan Allen of Tampa Bay. An elementary school teacher, Ms. Allen was selected among finalists from across the state of Florida. Ms.

Allen is a wonderful example of educators who make a positive difference in the lives of their students.

Ms. Allen graduated from Clemson University in 2000 and continued her education at The University of South Florida, graduating in 2003 with a master's degree in elementary education. Until her senior of her undergraduate studies, Ms. Allen planned on pursuing a law degree and eventually a career as a lawyer. However after losing her mother to pancreatic cancer during her senior year of college, Ms. Allen made the decision to pursue a degree in education—just as her mother had done years before.

Ms. Allen, who was named Teacher of the Year for Hillsborough County in February, was chosen from more than 180,000 public school teachers throughout the state. Ms. Allen has taught the fourth grade at Cleveland Elementary School in Tampa for five years.

Ms. Allen's impact is felt throughout the community. A National Board Certified Teacher, Ms. Allen was selected for her energetic, enthusiastic teaching style, and her community service projects outside the classroom. Beloved by her students, Ms. Allen often dresses up for FCAT study sessions, and leads her class in decimal-point rap songs. She says her style involves anything to grab the kids' attention.

Madam Speaker, the selection of Megan Allen is a firm testament to the standards of quality education in the state of Florida. Ms. Allen is one example of the dedication and incredible talent of our teachers, and I am so happy that she chose to follow in her mother's footsteps and am proud to have her teaching the children of my community.

RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY BUSINESS, AOC HOLDING COMPANY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the Arguindegui family, of AOC Holding Company. The family has truly worked towards and achieved the American dream.

This American success story begins with Peter R. Arguindegui Sr., who founded Arguindegui Oil Company in August of 1942. His sons put education and service to our nation first, before later joining the family business. So, after serving in the military and graduating from Texas A&M, Peter Jr. and Carlos Arguindegui joined their father in the late 1950s. With the additional help, the company was transformed into a corporation which then focused on wholesale commercial fuels.

Within 20 years grandsons Carlos Jr. and Alfonso Arguindegui joined the family business after graduating from college, bringing with them new ideas.

AOC Holding Company, as it is now called, has expanded into convenience store marketing by converting a dozen existing stations into convenience stores under the ConocoPhillips and Valero brands. It also runs four bulk warehouse operations in South Texas.

This company is on track to become the leader in retail and wholesale fuels in the South Texas area.

An admirable quality of the Arguindegui family is they do not reserve success for themselves. They have engaged in philanthropy by staying involved with local charities such as the United Way, the Boys & Girls Club, and other organizations that are too numerous to mention. They have also provided scholarships to area students.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a true American success story. I am pleased to have such a valued family in my district.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNITED SPACE SCHOOL PROGRAM

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on August 4 the Foundation for International Space Education (FISE) will host United Space School Day at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas. The United Space School Day is a summer science camp/health careers promotion activity coordinated by the East Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The United Space School Day's activities will focus on the education pathways appropriate for students interested in careers in life sciences, aerospace medicine, and bioastronautics.

United Space School Day is just one part of FISE's United Space School program. The United Space School program, which is rooted in the International Space School that was established in 1994, is the major way FISE carries out its mission of providing space-based academic instruction to pre-collegiate students from across America and around the world who are interested in science, engineering, technology, or mathematics careers. The United Space School gives these students the opportunity to learn from some of the space industry's leading experts. Participants in the programs follow a curriculum specially designed to provide appropriate training and development by instructors qualified and knowledgeable in the proper disciplines.

As the students visit the various educational venues and participate in the space-related learning initiatives, they are exposed to myriad examples of space-related careers as well as careers in industries that support the space programs, including life sciences. United Space School students also benefit from daily one-on-one interaction with leading aerospace professionals from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Johnson Space Center (JSC), and the supporting aerospace community.

United Space School participants are also given a unique "hands on" learning experience through the development of a Manned Mission to Mars Project. United Space School's organization, schedule, and curriculum are designed to provide the structure, knowledge, resources, mentoring, and appropriate settings to complete the Manned Mission to Mars project.

Madam Speaker, FISE's United Space School program is doing invaluable work in preparing the next generation of scientists and aerospace engineers. I would not be surprised if future breakthroughs in space technology came from alumni of the United Space School

program. It is therefore my pleasure to extend my congratulations to the United Space School program on the occasion of the United Space School Day. I also extend my thanks to NASA, the Johnson Space Center, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, East Texas AHEC, and all the volunteers who help make the United Space School program possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I was absent for the last three votes of the day on Tuesday July 21st. I apologize for my absence, and wish to add my intentions to the RECORD.

H. Con. Res. 123—Vote of "yes" would have been made.

H.R. 1933—Vote of "yes" would have been made.

H.R. 2632—Vote of "yes" would have been made.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, July 20, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 593 (On approving the Journal), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 594 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 607), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 595 (On the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2245).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Hon. THOMAS E. PETRI
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FAA—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Description of Project: This \$950,000 will be used for phase 2 of the 3-phase reconstruction of the primary runway at Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This is one of the largest projects in the state with a total cost of \$13 million. The current Pavement

Condition Index Report identifies the northern 6,000 feet of the runway at below minimum service level.

Requesting Member: Hon. THOMAS E. PETRI
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration—
Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin
Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Description of Project: This \$500,000 will be used to complete a study and begin construction of an overpass across the Wisconsin Central Railyard on Lake Shore Drive in the Village of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The railyard is the largest of its kind in the State of Wisconsin and access at Lake Shore Drive is frequently blocked due to trains parked on the tracks. This overpass will allow for the safe and efficient passage of rail traffic through the community and allow for the delivery of essential services (including emergency services) to the residents of the community. The overpass will consist of a 532-foot bridge span across the yard and access ramps to the connecting roads on both sides of the structure.

Requesting Member: Hon. THOMAS E. PETRI
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration—
Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin
Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Description of Project: This \$250,000 will be used to purchase 35-foot replacement accessible buses and related fare box equipment for the Fond du Lac Area Transit System.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JUDICIAL SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I am honored to introduce the Judicial Survivors Protection Act of 2009. The bill would provide a limited six month period for incumbent federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System (JSAS) and authorizes federal judges to voluntarily increase their contributions to JSAS to enhance their survivors' annuities.

The JSAS is an important optional benefit for federal judges. Unlike the survivors of other federal employees, judges' spouses and dependent children receive no survivor income benefits unless the judge elects to participate. Also, for a spouse to continue health insurance coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program after the judge's death, the judge must have elected JSAS.

Currently only sixty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges participate in JSAS. While, the system is an opt-in system, in general, judges are bound by their initial decision for the remainder of their career despite changes in life circumstances. This leaves the survivors of the remaining forty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges at risk.

This bill would simply provide those forty percent of Judges, who did not initially enroll

in JSAS, a limited six month open season window to enroll in JSAS.

To compensate for their delay, new enrollees who previously declined to participate in JSAS would pay an enhanced contribution rate to preserve the financial integrity of the JSAS Fund. Finally, it would authorize federal judges to voluntarily increase their contributions to JSAS in order to enhance the value of their survivors' annuities.

Over the years, Congress has authorized such an open season three times: in 1976, 1985 and 1992. It has been seventeen years since the last open season and this bill is but a small step towards lightening what is often the financial burden of judicial public service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barry County Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: 1216 W. State Street, Hastings, MI 49058

Description of Request: This bill provides \$127,000 for vehicle equipment replacement and building repair. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will replace two expansion vans that provide safe and efficient transportation to a growing rural senior and physically challenged population in Barry County. It will also provide for replacement radios and building repair.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Belding Dial-A-Ride

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Depot Street, Belding, MI 48809

Description of Request: This bill provides \$63,000 for the City of Belding Dial-A-Ride. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will go towards the purchase of a lift-equipped bus, which will replace an older bus that has met its useful life.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$500,000 for the Wealthy Street Extension. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because the construction project will

extend Wealthy Street and improve the existing street network in the vicinity of Millennium Park, which will ease traffic congestion and create an alternative artery to US-131.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ionia Dial-A-Ride

Address of Requesting Entity: 251 East Adams Street, Ionia, MI 48846

Description of Request: This bill provides \$100,000 for the City of Ionia Dial-A-Ride. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will upgrade the Dial-A-Ride's facility. The upgrades include a new emergency generator, parking resurfacing, a new heater, and a new irrigation system.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Alternatives Analysis

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Rapid

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Ellsworth Ave, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$360,000 for a Streetcar Alternative Analysis Study. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will allow the Rapid to assess the ridership projections, economic development potential and funding options that will determine if a streetcar system would be a valuable investment in the Grand Rapids metro area. The study is to examine different models of public and private partnerships to build the infrastructure and operate the system.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: Central City Community Development Corporation

Address of requesting entity: 2612 North Tampa Street, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to rehabilitate property to house homeless veterans.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Name of requesting entity: City of Tampa, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 315 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to widen Cross Creek Boulevard, which provides an important connection from the city to the

regional and statewide transportation network. The widening will reduce traffic congestion and its resulting environmental impacts.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Name of requesting entity: Pinellas County, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Description: The \$300,000 will be used for the costs associated with replacement of the Beckett Bascule Bridge, which is the primary access route to and from the mainland for contiguous coastal communities in Pinellas County.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: Hillsborough Community College

Address of requesting entity: 39 Columbia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33606

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to replace the exterior skin on one of the college's buildings, improving safety and increasing energy efficiency.

COMMEMORATING BUFFALO CITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the Sesquicentennial celebration of Buffalo City, Wisconsin. Chartered in 1859, Buffalo City is a picturesque Wisconsin town nestled along the "National Scenic Byway" of Western Wisconsin's Great River Highway.

Buffalo City is the oldest incorporated city in Buffalo County. At one time, it was one of the smallest cities in the United States with an area encompassing just over six square miles. Steeped in history, Buffalo City was named after three brothers who raised buffalo on a bluff overlooking the city.

Buffalo City operates under a common council form of government headed by Mayor Bill Bruegger and consisting of four alderspersons. A town based in strong community ties, the common council holds regular monthly meetings for residents, council members, and the mayor to come together to discuss and act on pressing matters.

With a current population of just 972 residents, Buffalo City prides itself on being a close-knit community. Residents participate in such community activities as Little League, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Great River Anglers.

The town's location on Spring Lake, a backwater of the Mississippi River, serves as a beautiful backdrop for a variety of outdoor recreational activities for family and friends to enjoy. Scenic parks and nature trails offer picturesque views of the river and bluffs and make Buffalo City a visually striking town that is a great place to live, work, and play.

On July 3rd Mayor Bruegger, local leaders, and Buffalo City residents came together to celebrate Buffalo City's sesquicentennial with music, games, food, and fireworks. Today, I recognize Buffalo City's Sesquicentennial and join in their celebration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for the State of Delaware included in H.R. 3288, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location: Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands

Name of Project: C & D Canal Trail Improvements

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,000,000 to transform over 13 miles of existing Army Corps service road on the north-side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal—from Delaware City to Chesapeake City—into a multi-purpose recreation trail with associated amenities (trail heads, signage, and self-composting restroom facilities, and security). Creating a multi-purpose recreation trail on the existing service road would ensure a safer area for the residents of Delaware City (one of the fastest growing areas in the state of Delaware), Chesapeake City, and everywhere in between, to continue to enjoy the Canal.

Name of Intended Recipient: State of Delaware Department of Transportation

Location: 800 Bay Road, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance

Name of Project: Turnpike Improvement Project

Project Description: The Act includes \$500,000 to improve the safety and efficiency of two major routes along the Northeast Corridor. It consists of three phases designed to improve the movement and safety of interstate, regional and local traffic through this heavily traveled intersection. The three phases include: a redesign of the I-95/SR-1 interchange, adding a fifth lane to I-95, and reconfiguring the I-95 toll plaza in Newark, DE, to incorporate Highway Speed E-Z Pass toll lanes. This project is anticipated to reduce traffic congestion and improve overall safety.

Name of Intended Recipient: State of Delaware Department of Transportation

Location: 800 Bay Road, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Capital Improvement Grants

Name of Project: Wilmington to Newark Commuter Rail Improvement Program

Project Description: The Act includes \$2,000,000 to install a third commuter rail track along the northeast corridor, build a new Newark Rail Station, and purchase four commuter rail cars. This program expands capacity to permit expansion of commuter rail serv-

ices and increases reliability of intercity and commuter rail services. It will also assist in significantly reducing traffic congestion along the northeast corridor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hendricks County Board of Commissioners

Address of Requesting Entity: 355 S. Washington Street, Danville, IN 46122

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 for the continuation of construction on the Ronald Reagan Parkway, which ultimately connects I-70 and the Indianapolis International Airport to I-65 in Indiana. With the original northern and southern segments of the project completed or underway, this project will focus on the construction of the middle segments from US 40 to the northern interchange with I-74, including the construction of the County Road 100S-200S segment and the road widening from US 36 to County Road 100N. The Ronald Reagan Parkway is a joint project between Hendricks County, Boone County, the Indianapolis International Airport, and the towns of Plainfield, Avon, and Brownsburg, Indiana. These partners are working together to develop a limited access roadway connecting I-70 and I-65 in west-central Indiana, offering business owners and residents a powerful impetus for future industrial, commercial and residential development. The completion of this corridor will provide a significant north south corridor in Indiana, mitigating congestion on I-465 and providing an efficient multi-modal linkage.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: White County Board of Commissioners, Indiana

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 N. Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 for the 6th Street Corridor Project which is a 5.25 mile corridor project that is a joint effort between the City of Monticello and White County, which consists of several smaller phases. The scope of the project is to widen 5.5 miles of an existing road to a new, 3 lane major urban arterial street capable of serving traffic volumes forecast to occur during the 20 year design life of the improvements. Principal intersections will be designed to include turn lanes and traffic signals will be installed as warranted. The proposed improvement is a three lane roadway surface consisting of 12 foot wide through lanes in each direction separated by a 14 foot wide two-way left turn

lane. Concrete curb and gutters will border the roadway. The goal of the corridor project is to provide relief for: (1) the current and impending mainline and intersection congestion, (2) the evident operational problems (crash frequency), and (3) the current impending seasonal congestion in downtown Monticello during the time when Indiana Beach is open creating a more direct alternate route. The improvements to the Sixth Street corridor will significantly benefit traffic destined to Indiana Beach and also many commercial, industrial and residential properties along the corridor by relieving current congestion.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corp.

Address of Requesting Entity: CityBus, 1251 Canal Road, Lafayette, IN 47902

Description of Request: Provides \$450,000 for the redevelopment of Riehle Plaza which is a new transit transfer center. This transit hub will leverage existing linkages between CityBus, Greyhound and Amtrak commuter rail service. The saw tooth design of the transfer center accommodates enough buses for its existing operations in addition to accommodating potential growth. This design also provides designated parking for specific bus routes. For riders, this takes the guess work out of trying to locate their connections and provides better accessibility for disabled riders. The transfer center will also provide shelters which will keep riders protected from snow and rain in the winter and provide much needed shade in the hotter months. CityBus understands that for citizens to use transit, transit must work for them. The proposed transfer center has been designed with this in mind. A key component of the planned development is a downtown annex for Ivy Tech Community College. This will allow for easier access for students who are dually enrolled in both the Community College and Purdue University. Ivy Tech is filling a critical need for Purdue students that are not able fulfill their core curriculum graduation requirements at Purdue. At present, these students spend a minimum of an hour driving between the Purdue and Ivy Tech campuses. The Riehle Plaza site is less than two miles from Purdue and provides students a reliable transit option to get to and from class. A 20% local match is committed towards this project. The local match will be generated with revenue from CityBus and PMTF through the State of Indiana. This local match, and any Federal support, will be used to leverage greater private investment for the overall project. The Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation is embarking on a proposal that will reshape downtown Lafayette into a livable, walkable and vibrant community. Nestled between two existing education centers, Purdue University and Ivy Tech Community College, the Riehle Plaza location is an ideal site for transit-oriented development. The project will provide much needed shelter for riders as well as better access to transit for disabled riders. It will also reduce vehicle miles traveled by creating a downtown annex for Ivy Tech Community College. Federal funds received for this project will help to leverage a private investment in the redevelopment of the Riehle Plaza area. This is a true public-private partnership. Already downtown

Lafayette has benefited from redevelopment that has been focused along Main Street. However, the area north of Main Street is ripe for redevelopment and will be greatly enhanced by the proposed project. The planned redevelopment has strong support from the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, Ivy Tech Community College and the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010:

REQUEST NUMBER 1

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 40 North Pennsylvania Ave.; Greensburg, PA 15601

Amount: \$750,000

Description of Request: Funding would be used for transportation improvements along the Jeannette Truck Route. The project will provide an improved route from Route 30 to the Jeannette Industrial Park by creating a new roadway connection between Division Street and Lowry Avenue. Federal funding would be used for design and construction of roadway improvements. These improvements will improve access to the Industrial Park and enhance the safety of motorists.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Jeannette Truck Route appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

REQUEST NUMBER 2

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: AIP—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: Due to increased aircraft operations, including heavier corporate traffic, the entire runway surface needs a bituminous overlay and grooving for safety and operational usefulness. In addition the project will help to repair deficient pavement on taxiways and T-hangar and ramp areas. This

project is important to meet the needs for safe infrastructure improvements to airport operations.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Washington County Airport Runway 9/27 Overlay Project appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

HONORING PAUL M. WEYRICH

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and express my gratitude for the life of Paul M. Weyrich, a stalwart leader in the conservative movement. More importantly, Paul Weyrich was a man of true character and one who is well-respected both in Washington and throughout the country.

Born in the Belle City of Racine, Wisconsin to Ignatius and Virginia Weyrich, Paul first became interested in politics during high school—eventually joining the Racine County Young Republicans and taking an interest in Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign.

Mr. Weyrich moved to Washington in 1966, taking a job as press secretary to Senator Gordon L. Allot of Colorado and later Carl T. Curtis, of Nebraska.

Dedicated to the promotion of conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, and a strong national defense, Paul became frustrated by the lack of strong statistical research available to combat the growing anti-business tax and regulate liberals in Washington. To combat them, he sought to establish an effective and reasoned conservative voice in American public policy. Today, the Heritage Foundation is one of the largest—and certainly the most prominent—conservative think tanks in the world.

Not content, however, with only protecting the family wallet and local business from the sticky fingers of liberal politicians, Paul also wanted to defend traditional family values and religious freedom. His vision led to the creation of the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, Christian Voice and the Moral Majority to rally the American public to the defense of traditional Judeo-Christian values.

A true visionary in outreach efforts and utilizing technology, Paul launched National Empowerment Television, a cable network designed to mobilize the religious right. Mr. Weyrich was truly one of the first conservatives to put emphasis on using the power of citizen initiatives. The efforts of his vision were felt worldwide.

From 1989 to 1996, Mr. Weyrich served as President of the Kreible Institute of the Free Congress Foundation, which was founded to train and support democracy movements in the states comprising the Former Soviet Empire. Today, millions experience the taste of freedom due in large part to his efforts.

Ronald Reagan said, "There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around

the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect." Paul Weyrich did not believe in constraints or barriers. He was a man of the possible, a man of great passion and vision, who truly made a difference in the lives of the individual—fighting tirelessly for what he believed.

His tenacity, perseverance, and ideas have inspired many to become involved in the political process, here at home and abroad. The legacy he leaves is the belief that all have a stake and the ability to change things. . . that the true dynamic of political participation stems from citizen coalitions, not the rulings of elites. And that our principles can be successfully defended by those who live them regardless of the machinations of the left. For that he is owed much gratitude. Virginia and Ignatius can be proud; their son made the most of the talents entrusted him.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to a fellow patriot, Paul Weyrich, for his significant contributions to the conservative movement and for promoting traditional values and a democratic vision for the world. I also wish to express my profound sorrow of his passing, and my condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

IN SUPPORT OF EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit for the record a speech, titled "What Would Employee Free Choice Mean in the Workplace" given by Professor William B. Gould IV, Charles A. Beardley Professor of Law, Emeritus at Stanford Law School; Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board in the Clinton Administration (1994–1998); member of the National Academy of Arbitrators since 1970; Independent Monitor for Freedom of Association Complaints, First Group America, 2008, to the 58th Annual Conference of the Association of Labor Relations Agencies on July 20, 2009 in Oakland, California.

WHAT WOULD EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE MEAN IN THE WORKPLACE?

It is a pleasure to be with you here today. By my rough count, this is my third speech to this organization during the past couple of decades. I have enjoyed the chance to speak to and with you in the past and look forward to today's program. I am particularly pleased to renew my contact with Maria-Kate Dowling, Associate General Counsel of the National Mediation Board.

Kate was my Deputy Chief Counsel at the NLRB in 1997–98, one of the youngest women (perhaps the youngest) to ever hold that senior of a position. She is illustrative of the very best and brightest who should—and I believe now will—receive great recognition in Washington today.

I want to commend the Association of Labor Relations Agencies for holding this session here today on the practical implications of the Employee Free Choice Act. This significant legislative proposal warrants dispassionate examination in an arena which has been too frequently divided and polarized. My sense is that the bill even with proper amendments—and I am quite confident that if it is enacted it will be amend-

ed—will have a considerable impact on the workplace. EFCA and labor law reform contain some of the assumptions that I have held for more than four decades, i.e., that the Act is plagued with lethargic enforcement, creaky and convoluted administrative procedures and ineffective remedies, that it is not working well and that, as a result, some employees who wish to join unions are unable to do so. No one can say with certainty what the precise union membership impact of law reform will be, given the fact that so many other factors are responsible for the precipitous decline of trade unions. But it is safe to say that it is unlikely that any statutory reform in the foreseeable future can by itself accomplish the desirable objective of restoring the middle class—though its proponents so often claim it will!

The fundamental need for reform relates to the rule of law. The National Labor Relations Act, once considered a bedrock of labor rights of freedom of association, has not been performing as advertised. There is nothing terribly new about this story. The overriding theme is that justice is being denied through its delay! The loopholes, disproportionately exploited by employers, have dilated into a "black hole" in Washington headquarters where complaints can sit for more than five years while workers await reinstatement and back pay.

How can we properly address this? I think that the Employee Free Choice Act is right on the mark in establishing a treble damage award for back pay. For too long, an award of back pay minus interim earnings has been regarded by everyone involved on all sides as a "license fee" for employer misconduct because back pay is cheaper than a union contract.

EFCA also provides for fines up to \$20,000 for each employer violation as well as new contempt sanctions. And again, I think that the new law has it right in expanding and making more effective the Board's injunctive authority for employer unfair labor practices—in much the same manner that the statute has established them for union unfair labor practices since the Taft-Hartley amendments. Judge (and I hope soon-to-be Justice) Sonia Sotomayor's opinion in *Silverman v. Major League Baseball Player Relations Committee, Inc.* upholding my Board's view that an injunction was appropriate in the baseball players' 1994–95 strike has made this provision's importance about as well known as anything.

On other key issues I think that there is much more room for debate. While card checks are evidence of employee support in some circumstances, I think that they are, as the Supreme Court has characterized them, second best. And in Canada, where the consensus in the 1960s favored card check, a majority of provinces have now settled on secret ballot box elections. Moreover, there will be fewer disputes over the way in which employees mark secret ballots than there will be over cards; fewer disputes means less litigation and less delay.

But the unions are right to say that the election system (and indeed many other provisions of the statute) is broken. Accordingly, my view is that the principal breakdown in the election scheme—which has led to the card check proposal—is delay through which employees are subjected to a one-sided, anti-union campaign by employers for at least two months, and in a minority of instances a much more considerable period of time. The answer here is to both expedite elections—to require that they be held within a couple of weeks of the union's petition, as is done in the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia—and to reverse Supreme Court precedent excluding non-employee union organizers from company premises so

that they can carry their side of the message to employees more effectively in the run-up to the ballot itself.

Another reform can provide for postal ballots which give employees a greater opportunity to cast their vote privately in a neutral facility of their choosing outside of the employer's control. In truth, the statute already provides for this, as I noted in my concurring opinion in *San Diego Gas & Electric*—but I think that Congress can be helpful by explicitly providing that postal ballots can be available within the Board's discretion along the lines that I set forth in *San Diego Gas*. The plurality in that case, which limited such ballots only to cases where employees are scattered and unavailable, did not rely upon any provision of the statute as it is written today and the Board, as well as Congress, can reverse that poorly-reasoned opinion at any time that it wants.

The third important feature of EFCA provides for interest arbitration in first contract negotiations. Clearly, as Professors Ferguson and Kochan have established, there is a problem here—only 56% of newly-certified bargaining units reach a contract, and only 37% do so within the first certification year—that cannot be easily remedied by refusal-to-bargain litigation. The surface bargaining cases have not been an effective avenue through which to establish or restore collective bargaining relationships that should have been less dysfunctional in the first instance.

However, EFCA-sponsored interest arbitration, in contrast to the "grievance" or "rights" variety, is relatively untested in the private sector in the United States. In Canada, which has first contract arbitration in most provinces, the process is rare and used sparingly (except in Manitoba where it is automatic after a specific time period). The conundrum is that the potential for a mechanism like this must be available to rescue bargaining which is at a stall, and yet its mere availability can undermine the collective bargaining process itself which is furthered by the Act.

The proper approach here, it seems to me, is to provide that the mediator—perhaps in consultation with the NLRB itself—should certify after extensive mediatory efforts that collective bargaining is either at an impasse or dysfunctional. As it presently stands, EFCA simply allows for arbitration to be invoked after three months of collective bargaining and subsequent mediation. Not only is this period of time too abbreviated, but by spelling out a specific period of time after which arbitration is automatic, it encourages the parties to maneuver in anticipation of arbitration in a way which can erode the voluntary collective bargaining process. Moreover, this approach fails to take into account the fact that both sides are frequently learning for the first time as they put together their very first collective bargaining agreement.

Arbitration must be used sparingly, although it should remain available in the final analysis so as to shore up a relationship which might otherwise disappear. This must be what the law encourages not only because of the considerations above but also because experience with interest arbitration in the public sector—where it is available in many jurisdictions for police and fire—is itself extensive and time-consuming. Amongst the interest arbitrations that I have done was one between the Detroit Board of Education and the Federation of Teachers twenty years ago where hearings continued day and night for a week, detailed briefs were filed thereafter, and the arbitration

board was required to meet and decide on the basis of voluminous submissions at the end of it all. Though we cannot tolerate delays such as the fifteen months which apparently exist in the public sector in Michigan, framers of the law must realize that it will take considerable time and expense. This is another reason why arbitration should be the rare exception and not the rule at the end of collective bargaining.

Yet there is one other consideration. My view is that final-offer baseball arbitration, where the arbitrator is obliged to select one package offer or the other, is the best approach because it creates uncertainty which promotes voluntary negotiation. But because there is much uncertainty for the arbitrator as well as for the parties, I am of the view that his award should appear initially in the form of recommendations and that the parties should have 10–14 days to negotiate with the arbitrator acting as a mediator. If the parties cannot resolve their differences in that time, the recommendations within the parameters of the initial award would be final and binding. In this way the real potential for arbitral error is diminished, and the integrity of the process maintained.

There are a few other matters that I think you should consider which should be a vital part of labor law reform, and yet are not covered in EFCA. First, Congress should encourage rulemaking in lieu of adjudication so as to avoid repetitive and wasteful litigation which enhance cost and delay. My Board attempted to do this in the 1990s and was stopped by appropriations riders fashioned by the Republican Congress. A different political environment exists this time around and Congress and the Board should take full advantage of the opportunity to resolve disputes expeditiously and sensibly.

Second, the amount of litigation before the Board can be reduced if Congress unfreezes the Board's jurisdictional guidelines and thus decreases the volume of cases that come before it by taking into account fifty years of inflation. The freeze has resulted in NLRB assertion of jurisdiction over very small employers. Again, the Republican Congress in the 1990s insisted that I withdraw Board jurisdiction when I was Chairman but, as I pointed out to them, only Congress can change these statutory provisions which were enacted a half-century ago and which have left Board jurisdiction in terms of dollar values the same as it was then—even though the dollar is worth one-seventh of what it was at that time.

But at this time, Congress can initiate action on this which will both deregulate labor-management relations for small employers in some jurisdictions and, since state law should be followed, also allow the states to enact more expansive laws protecting union organizing. This promotes the kind of laboratory conditions of which Justice Brandeis spoke a century ago and relieves small business from the federal regulation under which it currently lives. Here Congress can and should take the lead as the 1959 amendments require.

Third, labor law reform must take into account that it is not simply employers who are promoting delay before the NLRB and the courts at this juncture—in many instances it has been the Board itself as cases have languished in the black hole in Washington headquarters for half a decade or more while workers awaited reinstatement and back pay. As Professor G. Calvin MacKenzie of Colby College has noted, much of this is attributable to the “transcendent loss of purpose in the appointment process” at the NLRB where appointees “come from con-

gressional staffs or think tanks or interest groups—not from across the country but from across the street: interchangeable public elites, engaged in an insider's game.” The packaging and “batching” of appointees was unknown prior to 1994 and has become so embedded in the appointment process that even President Obama has batched a Republican Senate Labor Committee policy director with his two Democratic nominees.

This approach should be abandoned. It fosters delay through the reticence of decision-makers who procrastinate, concerned about congressional reaction. If reappointments were barred, this tendency would be diminished. At the same time, Congress should extend the term of office to eight years, reduce the number of Board members from five to three so as to eliminate the potential for individual Board member obstruction (with the reduction of cases obtained through withdrawal of jurisdiction this can work more easily), and explicitly provide that when a Board member's term expires he or she can serve no longer. In this way we will attract the best people who will serve for the very best reasons.

Finally, one of the most interesting developments in recent years relates to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms devised by the parties, particularly as a result of their frustration about the National Labor Relations Board and its ability to function promptly. One classic example of this approach is set forth in the procedures devised by First Group America to deal with complaints involving freedom of association issues arising out of union organizational campaigns or relating to discrimination on account of union activity. The First Group machinery provides that an Independent Monitor (I have functioned in that capacity for the past 18 months) is to make public recommendations regarding such complaints within 30–60 days of the time that they are filed. Most recommendations have been accepted and the program has been praised by both sides. The process is able to move with dispatch because there is simply a provision for investigation rather than a full-fledged hearing. Congress ought to explicitly encourage parties to devise such procedures, and their existence may provide guidance with regard to how lengthy proceedings before the Board and the courts—which are frequently excessively time-consuming or wasteful—can be abbreviated.

CONCLUSION

The job of labor law reform is an important one and the Employee Free Choice Act has done more than any other mechanism in recent years to get this issue front and center. The chance to engage in this process does not come often and thus it is important that the country gets it right this time around.

EFCA is right on the mark when it comes to sanctions, damages, penalties, and contempt proceedings. It has gone off course in connection with card check—but fortunately through expedited and postal elections as well as union access to private property that matter can be addressed with some measure of success. On arbitration, EFCA got us part of the way there, but much more needs to be done and revised.

The reform initiative provides a great opportunity to have a new look at some of the problems that have plagued the Board and the Act for far too long, i.e., the appointments process and its relationship to delay, the failure or inability to borrow from voluntary machinery, and the need to get small employers beyond the reach of the Act either for the purpose of deregulation or for, in

those jurisdictions that want it that way, more expansive protection than is provided by the National Labor Relations Act even as revised in 2009—if it is to be.

This is the beginning of a great debate. It is a debate which necessarily involves labor and management, Democrats and Republicans, and the result must be not only sensible in content but the product of some measure of consensus and compromise.

TRIBUTE TO 2009 SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE WINNER
KAVYA SHIVANSHANKAR

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent and resident of Olathe, Kansas, who recently achieved international acclaim. On May 27, 2009, during her fourth appearance in the national finals, 13-year-old Kavya Shivashankar won the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

In her first year of competition, Kavya finished an amazing 10th place in the 2006 national competition. While most of us would have been thrilled that we reached the finals of a prestigious national contest, let alone placed so high among such an elite group, that was not true for Kavya. A typical 9-year-old might have gladly reclaimed the hundreds of hours of practice and preparation time and used it instead for their own enjoyment. Instead, Kavya returned to her spelling studies, competed again in 2007 and this time finished in 8th place.

Still not satisfied, Kavya returned again in 2008 and was considered one of the favorites to win the championship. Kavya was one of the “Final Four,” finishing in 4th place. Again, most of us would have been thrilled to be a national finalist three times—that would look pretty good on a college application in a few years! Instead, Kavya continued studying with her father and devoted much of her free time to preparation. And, this was in addition to her regular homework, music lessons and time with her family.

This year, Kavya was in her last year of eligibility. Many of Kavya's fans, including many of my own staff members who look forward to cheering her on every year, worried that her heart would be broken in her last attempt. Instead, Kavya taught all of us a lesson in persistence and hard work. Poised and confident throughout the competition, she calmly wrote out a word in her hand that I do not even know how to pronounce—Laodicean—before spelling it correctly into the microphone and sealing her victory.

I am perhaps even prouder of how she has handled her success. Immediately following her victory, Kavya did a round of media interviews all around the country that would make a presidential candidate's head spin. Always

smiling, confident and polite, she repeatedly showed the world why she is a true champion. She was a wonderful representative of her family, her school (California Junior High School), her hometown (Olathe, Kansas), her sponsor (The Olathe Daily News), the state of Kansas and, indeed, our entire country.

In addition to the pride and confidence she has from achieving her goal, she also won scholarship money and prizes totaling \$40,000, which will come in handy, as Kavya aspires to become a neurosurgeon. Her interest in medicine was sparked when she prepared for—what else?—a spelling bee of medical terminology.

We also learned a good spelling lesson from her family's identical t-shirts, worn the day after the tournament, which said, "How do you spell 'champion?' S-H-I-V-A-S-H-A-N-K-A-R."

Finally, I would like to read into the RECORD an open letter written by Kavya, which was published in The Kansas City Star on June 21, 2009, and clearly shows the qualities that allowed her to reach this remarkable goal and that make Kavya such an inspiration to us all!

What an incredible ride it has been for me in my quest for the spelling bee championship! I have been participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee since 2006. I went from 10th to 8th to 4th place, and then I was finally able to take the much coveted trophy in 2009.

I loved going to Washington, D.C., each year during the Memorial Day week! Bee Week has always been so much fun for me because I got to meet the contestants and socialize.

Many of them are returning spellers whom I looked forward to meeting each year, and some whom I keep in touch with by e-mail. All the regional champions believe in camaraderie and understand that the dictionary, not the other spellers, is their biggest foe.

The sportsmanship everyone has is inspiring. I feel sad that I am not able to participate in any more spelling bees because if you pass eighth grade or if you win the championship, you are not eligible to participate again.

Preparing for spelling bees takes a lot of desire, dedication, effort and time. My technique is to study root words and etymological patterns instead of memorizing.

This kind of preparation has greatly developed my vocabulary and has allowed me to learn so many new words and roots. But I have also learned so much more.

This journey has taught me how to set a goal and achieve it through discipline and hard work. I have also learned how to stay composed under pressure and developed my confidence. It also has really developed my public speaking skills.

After my victory, I was rushed into a whirlwind of media. My family and I traveled to New York so I could appear on "Live! With Regis and Kelly." We then went to Los Angeles for "Jimmy Kimmel Live." Those were both great shows, and I really enjoyed being on them.

When we returned home, a few local TV stations came to greet me at the airport along with some friends. Many more friends and neighbors were lined up on my street to congratulate me, holding up large posters. It was great to know that so many people supported me!

I received many calls, and I was especially thrilled when I received an invitation from the governor of Kansas, and calls and cards from senators and congressmen. It was exciting to know that I had their support and that they were able to take the time to con-

gratulate me. My family and I are expecting an invitation from the White House in the coming months.

I also received a letter from Children's Mercy Hospital inviting me to come to one of its hospitals to visit the neurology department and talk to the patients. This is a great opportunity, and I will be looking forward to more exciting opportunities like that, which will allow me to help the community in any way I can.

I have had a great experience and have learned many valuable lessons to carry on in life. Most importantly, preparing for spelling bees has brought me closer to my family. They have been a great source of support and encouragement throughout the whole journey.

The bonds that have been forged and strengthened through this process mean more to me than any other aspect of my spelling experience.

I am thankful to everyone who has helped and supported me throughout this whole experience, especially everyone in the Kansas City area. My advice to my peers is to follow your dream, and be able to put in the hard work and effort to achieve it.

HONORING CAPTAIN SHAWN WARNEKE OF THE ST. CLOUD CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR RECEIVING THE DISASTER RELIEF COMMENDATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Shawn Warneke, a true patriot and a member of the St. Cloud Civil Air Patrol. Capt. Warneke has received the Disaster Relief Commendation ribbon for his extraordinary work and leadership during the severe flooding in North Dakota this spring. I recently supported House Resolution 415 and commended all Civil Air Patrol members for their unprecedented efforts in Fargo and Moorhead, and now it is my privilege to highlight Capt. Warneke's individual contributions that helped lead to the successful sandbagging that saved hundreds of homes.

The devastating floods in the Fargo-Moorhead communities inspired hundreds of volunteers to take time off work and help their neighbors. Capt. Warneke's unique background set him apart from many volunteers. As Lead Security Officer for the Transportation Security Administration at the St. Cloud Regional Airport, Capt. Warneke's experience allowed him to effectively transport, supervise and assist C.A.P. cadets and senior members during the sandbagging efforts. He also helped local citizens with evacuation and provided security to the area.

Capt. Warneke has made service to our nation a daily routine. As the Deputy Commander of his squadron, Capt. Warneke trains the C.A.P. Color Guard. He is a graduate of the Blue Beret Leadership Academy and soon will be certified as an official Civil Air Patrol Mission Pilot. Captain Blaine Pierson, Squadron Commander of the St. Cloud Composite Squadron, said this about Capt. Warneke: "His dedication to Civil Air Patrol, Homeland Security and his country is constantly evidenced by his attention to duty and the responsibilities entrusted to him."

I rise today to honor Capt. Shawn R. Warneke in front of this Congress for his service to his country, as a sign of my appreciation and gratitude. Capt. Warneke has dedicated his life to ensuring freedoms and security for all individuals as a part of our Homeland Security defenses and a volunteer member of the Civil Air Patrol. His commendation ribbon is a fitting display of the compassion with which he carries out those duties every day.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accordance with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks for my Congressional District as a part of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL POSEY—Expressing support for the President's funding level for the Orlando Veterans Hospital.

Project Funding Amount: The President's budget request of \$371,300,000.

Bill Number: H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Major Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of Veterans Affairs

Address of Requesting Entity: Department of Veterans Affairs

Description of Request: This funding is equal to the amount proposed by the President in his FY 2010 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs budget. This will enable the VA to complete the construction of the Veterans Hospital in the Orlando area.

Consistent with Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for entities unless the use of the funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on Congressionally-directed project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested for Southeast Louisiana as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 4950 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Mary Bird Perkins (MBP) Cancer Center is the only independent, nonprofit cancer treatment, education and research center in Louisiana providing state of the art radiation therapy to all community residents. Outreach services are provided through the Center's CARE Network which provides cancer support services, awareness and education activities, and research and education initiatives. Funding will allow MBP to continue expansion of the CARE network services. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeastern Louisiana University

Address of Requesting Entity: SLU Box 10784, Dyson Hall, Room 106, Hammond, LA 70402

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for Southeastern Louisiana University. Southeastern Louisiana University can expand its initiative to provide economic and workforce development, community planning, and smart growth assistance to meet the needs of post-Katrina Southeast Louisiana. The facility houses several economic, business development organizations and community planning resources. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tulane University

Address of Requesting Entity: 6823 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 for Tulane University. The funding is for the establishment of a Community Health Worker Training Institute as a component of the Tulane/ RAND Center for Health & Society in Louisiana. The Institute will benefit the region in three key areas: reduced healthcare costs, increased worker productivity, and job creation. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: West Jefferson Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 1101 Medical Center Boulevard, Marrero, LA 70072

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for West Jefferson Medical Center. The funding is for the emergency electrical system upgrade and adds on-site electrical generation capacity to power the entire facility with on-site diesel fuel for up to seven days. West Jefferson can continue to provide emergency or urgent care throughout this facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill:

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Guntersville, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 341 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL 35976

Description of Request: "Guntersville Harbor breakwater replacement", \$200,000

The funding would be used for the replacement of existing harbor breakwater located in the Guntersville Reservoir. The project supports all other harbor improvements planned in conjunction with transient boating and public safety. This project provides navigation improvements within the Inland Waterway System of the United States including Homeland Security safety issues. The project will provide safe moorage for recreational boaters. The total estimated budget for the breakwater barrier installed is \$593,674 which includes \$162,091.00 to remove and dispose of the old breakwater and \$431,583.00 for installation of the new breakwater.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Winston County Commission, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 147, Double Springs, AL 35553

Description of Request: "Winston County Industrial Park infrastructure improvements", \$400,000

The funding would be used for a new industrial park in Winston County, the Winston County Commission is seeking funds to provide necessary water infrastructure to the site. Job creation is particularly important in this area of Appalachia that continues to suffer from lack of employment opportunities. Approximately \$126,000 will be spent for construction, \$120,000 for construction-related equipment, \$14,000 for fire hydrants, \$30,000 for road crossing, \$80,000 for design and inspection, and \$30,000 for geotechnical and environmental work.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Rainsville, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 309, Rainsville, AL 35986

Description of Request: "Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center facility construction", \$200,000

The funding would be used for the Agri-Business Center will be a public facility on 43 acres with an arena seating 3,800,200 stables, RV park, picnic areas and a 2 acre lake. This facility will be used by residents of North Alabama, Northwest Georgia, and Southern Tennessee to promote agriculture, business, education and recreation. All of the funds allocated will be used for construction.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Cullman, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Cullman, P.O. Box 278, Cullman, AL 35056

Description of Request: "Widening of U.S. Highway 278 and St. Bernard Bridge, \$750,000"

The funding would be used to provide a middle lane to Hwy 278. A fifth lane is needed for turning safely and crossing the narrow bridge. Traffic is increasing on the road because of St. Bernard and new industry. School entrance will be relocated for better visibility. The widening will provide safer travel routes through Cullman County. This project is the last link of the major U.S. transportation artery throughout the 4th District. The City of Cullman's spending plan will allocate approximately \$750,000 for right-of-way acquisition.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Russellville, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1000, Russellville, AL 35653

Description of Request: "Pedestrian Safety Project, \$300,000"

The funding would be used for a pedestrian bridge system including approach ramps and bridge across Summit Street connecting Russellville Middle and Russellville High Schools. Protect safety of school children who must cross street. The cross-walk will allow for the safe passage of school children. The City of Russellville's spending plan will allocate approximately \$20,000 dollars for design and administration costs and \$280,000 dollars for construction and inspection costs.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Federal lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Huntsville, AL

Address of Requesting Entity City of Huntsville, Alabama, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801

Description of Request: "Martin Road Project, \$600,000"

The funding would be used to widen Martin Road to five lanes for one mile and replace

the existing gate to enter Redstone Arsenal. This will provide an alternate entry and exit point to Restone Arsenal and improve access for thousands of Army and NASA employees. Improving Martin Road is a top priority cited by Gen. Myles to relieve congestion & improve access to Redstone Arsenal. This project will help address traffic issues that will occur as a result of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) and allow future Redstone development. The City of Huntsville's spending plan will allocate approximately \$600,000 for preliminary engineering.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Space & Rocket Center

Address of Requesting Entity: One Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805

Description of Request: "U.S. Space and Rocket Center Transportation Request, Huntsville, AL, \$1,600,000"

The funding would be used for a tramway to the Huntsville Botanical Garden and purchase of two trams to run between the entities. The Marshall Space Flight Center would like to resume tours but must have ADA-compliant buses. None of the current buses meet this federal requirement. This will help citizens learn more about Marshall's work through bus tours. New buses will enable the U.S. Space & Rocket Center to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Linking to Huntsville Botanical Garden provides more efficient use of the government property on which both non-profit entities are located. The U.S. Space & Rocket Center's spending plan will allocate approximately \$420,000 for purchase of two electric trams and \$1,180,000 for a portion of the construction of the estimated 1.25 miles of tramway that must include a culvert to span McDonald Creek.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Morgan County System of Services, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2531 Highway 20 West P.O. Box 1124 Decatur, AL 35602

Description of Request: "Morgan County System of Services, transit vans for HANDS Home Shelter for Girls, AL, \$50,000"

The funds would be used to purchase a 12 passenger van for the staff to use in transporting the girls to appointments, recreational outings, etc. This Center establishes a means for the community to respond to the multiple needs of runaway and homeless girls and their families who cannot be served through traditional social services systems. The Morgan County System of Services, Inc. spending plan will allocate \$50,000 to purchase new vans for the HANDS Home Shelter for Girls.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks that I requested on behalf of local government entities in my congressional district in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Rep. KEN CALVERT

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Riverside County Transportation Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act provides \$750,000 for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Alameda Corridor East Grade Separations project. There are 61 at-grade highway-rail crossings in Riverside County. These crossings are blocked by freight trains traveling from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the rest of the nation, negatively impacting local commerce, congestion, and air quality. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) has prioritized the 20 most needed grade separations in the county and adopted a funding plan that includes local, state, and federal sources. The funding will allow RCTC to distribute federal funds to cities with projects most ready for construction. The significance of grade separations on the Alameda Corridor East in Riverside County has been recognized as a regional priority by the Southern California Consensus Working Group (goods movement coalition of Ports of L.A., Long Beach and Hueneme, L.A. METRO, OCTA, SANBAG, RCTC, VCTC, ACE-CA, Metrolink, ACTA, and SCAG), the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the State Goods Movement Action Plan, and the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association.

Requesting Member: Rep. KEN CALVERT

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Corona

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act provides \$208,000 for the City of Corona's Dial-A-Ride Bus Replacement. The City of Corona Transit Service (CCTS) operates a general population Dial-A-Ride that provides transportation throughout the City of Corona and the neighboring County areas of Home Gardens, El Cerrito and Coronita as well as satellite areas in the City of Norco. Three of the Dial-A-Ride buses have exceeded their useful life and require replacement at an estimated replacement cost of \$260,000. The funding will provide \$208,000 in federal support for the buses, while CCTS would provide a local match of \$52,000. The project will benefit Corona residents by providing them with additional transportation options to Corona City Hall, the Corona Public Library, senior centers, shopping centers, hospitals and medical offices.

Requesting Member: Rep. KEN CALVERT

Account: Economic Development Initiatives, Housing and Urban Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Community Renaissance

Address of Requesting Entity: 9065 Haven Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act provides \$1,000,000 for the National Community Renaissance. The funding will allow National Community Renaissance (National CORE) to efficiently leverage federal resources to undertake one or more large-scale neighborhood revitalization projects which would preserve as many as 1,500 additional at-risk affordable apartments nationwide. According to National CORE, their comprehensive approach to affordable housing positively impacts families and seniors in the Inland Empire. National CORE owns 462 units in western Riverside County alone, which provide housing to more than 1,200 residents and has another 110 senior units under construction. The completed developments were all extensive revitalization projects that completely transformed entire communities from blighted, crime ridden neighborhoods to thriving communities where families flourish.

Requesting Member: Rep. KEN CALVERT

Account: Capital Improvement Grants, Federal Transit Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Riverside County Transportation Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act provides \$5,000,000 for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Perris Valley Line. The Perris Valley Line extends existing Metrolink service 22.7 miles further into Riverside County creating better access to popular commuter rail transportation. The Perris Valley Line will connect downtown Riverside to the UCR campus, March Global Port employment center, Moreno Valley, and the revitalized downtown Perris. The Perris Valley line will relieve congestion on I-215, which runs through the heart of Riverside County. The project is currently in the project development phase; local and state funds are being used for a majority of the current project development costs. As the project nears construction, federal grant funds will be necessary to keep the project moving forward. A current projection for opening service is 2011. The Perris Valley Line serves critical public needs in western Riverside County by providing a transportation alternative and providing greater accessibility to major local employers and employees. The project is of regional and national significance due to the congestion relief it will provide on I-215, as well as the emissions that will be removed from the air as a result of increased transit ridership.

Requesting Member: Rep. KEN CALVERT

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Riverside Transit Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Third Street, Riverside, CA 92507

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act provides \$1,400,000 for the Riverside Transit Agency's Bus Replacement Program. The funding will allow the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) to begin its bus purchase program to eventually replace 103 buses in its aging fleet with the purchase of eight replacement vehicles. The buses to be replaced were purchased in 2000 and 2001 and have reached the end of their

useful lives as determined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Replacing aging buses is critical in assuring reliability of service and decreasing maintenance costs by reducing breakdowns and frequent repairs. The replacement buses would be powered by CNG and have all state-of-the-art technologies to provide enhanced passenger safety, better fuel efficiency and decreased emissions.

Requesting Member: Rep. KEN CALVERT

Account: Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 South Main Street, Orange, CA 92863

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act provides \$750,000 for the Orange County Transportation Authority's San Diego Freeway (I-5) Widening and Improvement project. Funding for the San Diego Freeway (Interstate 5), from Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) to Avenida Pico, will add additional freeway capacity along I-5 in south Orange County with consideration for a potential connection with planned San Diego County high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-5. For FY 2010, the requested funds will be used to complete the required technical studies and environmental documents. This project is estimated to cost \$250 million. The Interstate 5 (I-5) is the primary freeway linking Orange County to Los Angeles and San Diego counties. The project will reduce peak period delays for both commuters and goods movement carriers alike by relieving both existing and forecasted mobility problems while reducing emissions, increasing productivity and improving air quality in the region.

Requesting Member: Rep. KEN CALVERT

Account: Economic Development Initiatives, Housing and Urban Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Norco

Address of Requesting Entity: 2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act provides \$100,000 for the City of Norco's Santa Ana River Trail. The Santa Ana River, which flows from the San Bernardino Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, is the primary source of potable water for Orange County and several cities in Riverside County. Building the Santa Ana River Trail will provide a protective corridor that will reduce pollution and prevent crowding from expanding urban and suburban sprawl. The River Trail is an essential component of the long-term effort to protect the water quality of the Santa Ana River Basin. In addition to reducing pollution, the Santa Ana River Trail will be a multi-use recreational trail that will run from the Pacific Coast to the San Bernardino Mountains. This section of the trail will link the two largest cities in Riverside County, Corona and Riverside, and provide patrons with superlative recreational opportunities.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3288—the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Act, 2010, provides for the Master Planning of Interstate-10. This is the Delta Region Transportation Development Program account in the amount of \$400,000. This funding will go toward the Master Plan to widen and elevate the interstate in New Orleans' urban areas.

As requested by me, Rep. Anh "Joseph" Cao, H.R. 3288—the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Act, 2010, provides for the building of the Almonaster Bridge. This is the Surface Transportation Priorities account in the amount of \$400,000. This funding would go to the construction of a new bridge over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal. This is one of the most critical intermodal improvements in the New Orleans region with true national significance as this bridge is part of the Southern Rail Gateway.

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3288—the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Act, 2010, provides for the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority. This is the Neighborhood Initiatives account in the amount of \$750,000. This funding would go to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority to rehabilitate vacant and uninhabitable multi-family housing complexes.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on Congressionally-directed project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested for Southeast Louisiana as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Delta Regional Transportation Development Program

Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 1340 Poydras Street, Ste. 2100, New Orleans, LA 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 for the Regional Planning Commission. The project entails the construction of a new interchange at I-12 & LA Highway 1088. The Project is needed to alleviate severe con-

gestion along LA Highway 59 & the Mandeville/Abita Springs roadway networks. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Delta Regional Transportation Development Program

Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 1340 Poydras Street, Ste. 2100, New Orleans, LA 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 for the Regional Planning Commission. The funding is to upgrade transportation and drainage on Clearview Parkway (LA Highway 3152) at the interchange area with Earhart Expressway (LA Highway 3139) in the Elmwood area of Jefferson. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE SCALISE

Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act

Account: Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Name of Requesting Entity: South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 1340 Poydras Street, Ste. 2100, New Orleans, LA 70112

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 for the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission. The funding will provide for a bulk-head along the southern end of the facility adjacent to the North Pass Channel. The area is vulnerable to tidal surges and unpredictable/irregular weather patterns and the damages must be eliminated in order to utilize the facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF A.J. "JACK" PFISTER

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary and inspirational life of A.J. "Jack" Pfister and to remember the many significant and lasting contributions he made to the state of Arizona and his local community.

On July 20, Jack passed away at the age of 75.

An Arizona native born in Prescott, Jack was a strong force behind the growth and prosperity of the Phoenix Metropolitan area over the past four decades. During his 15 years as General Manager of the Salt River Project, Jack guided the utility in becoming one of the leading public power entities in the country. In addition to his contributions to building our fast-growing region's vital water and electric infrastructure, Jack was a respected and vocal leader of community boards, commissions and public service projects too numerous to list in its entirety.

Most notably, Jack displayed a lifelong and unwavering commitment to make higher education more available and affordable to Arizonans. He served on the Arizona Board of Regents, and most recently as the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Arizona State University. In addition, Jack taught at the ASU School of Public Affairs and served on the Board of Directors for the Center for the Future of Arizona. And, of course, Jack's brave leadership was absolutely vital to Arizona's creation of a holiday to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the life of Jack Pfister and remembering the strong and positive impact he left on his community and the many people who knew and loved him.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Lands (Public Lands Highway)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: United States Department of Transportation

Address of Receiving Entity: 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 in funding in H.R. 3288 in the Federal Lands Account for Jacksonville National Cemetery Access Road.

The funding would be used for completion of project development and environmental assessment (PDE) to determine how to establish alternate access to the new Jacksonville VA National Cemetery. An alternative access route will enable access to the cemetery from I-95 and the Jacksonville International Airport.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit the community and allow those visiting the new National Cemetery to do so safely and expeditiously.

The State/Local share is 20%; the City of Jacksonville is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Fernandina Beach, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: 204 Ash Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 in funding in H.R. 3288 in the Airport Improvement Program Account for the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport, FL for Taxiway Improvements.

The purpose of this funding is for the extension, repaving, and replacement of lighting on

taxiway at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. This funding will open new areas of the airport for night operations and improve the safety of existing operations at the airport.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety and capacity at the airport.

The State/Local share is 5%; the City of Fernandina Beach is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Ferry Boats and Terminal Facilities
Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Port Authority

Address of Receiving Entity: 2831 Talleyrand Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32206

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding in H.R. 3288 in the Ferry Boats and Terminal Facilities Account for Mayport Ferry Rehabilitation, Jacksonville, FL.

The funding would provide for better control and enhanced safety for ferry operations. Specifically, funding would be used to rehabilitate the present ferry dock ramp on both sides of the St. Johns River and improve the gantry system.

This would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit the motorists of the 4th District. By investing in our transportation infrastructure through improving safety, consistency, and operating consistency the ferry will be able to remain in operation 365 days a year.

The State/Local share is 20%; the Jacksonville Port Authority is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Address of Receiving Entity: 100 North Myrtle Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 in funding in H.R. 3288 in the Buses and Bus Facilities Account for Regional Intermodal Terminal Center, Jacksonville, FL.

The funding would be used for completion of design, acquisition of right-of-way, and construction of the multi-modal facility. This facility will serve rail, bus, rapid transit and pedestrian services in the Northeast Florida region.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will bring more people into downtown Jacksonville, while simultaneously providing increased access to jobs.

The State/Local share is 20%; the Jacksonville Transportation Authority is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Tallahassee, FL

Address of Receiving Entity: 300 South Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 in funding in H.R. 3288 in the Buses and Bus Facilities Account for Star Metro Buses in Tallahassee, FL.

The funding would be used for purchase of new buses. Currently, Star Metro has thirty buses which are past their useful life. The manufacturer no longer carries replacement parts for these outdated buses, making it both expensive and increasingly difficult to keep the buses maintained and operational.

This would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will assist Star Metro in being able to provide reliable public transit to the people in the City of Tallahassee and surrounding areas.

The State/Local share is 20%; the City of Tallahassee is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY10 Transportation Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Railroad Administration—Grade Crossings on Designated High Speed Rail Corridors and Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York State Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12232

Description of Request: Provide multiple earmarks totaling \$4,595,000 for the Empire Corridor West High Speed Rail Improvements. Specifically funds \$750,000 in Genesee County, NY; \$1,245,000 in Monroe County, NY; \$600,000 in Montgomery County, NY; and \$2,000,000 in Oneida County, NY.

Funds will be used to improve grade crossing safety at selected crossings to facilitate high speed rail on segments of the Empire Service Corridor. Work will include reconfiguration to enhance safety, including improvements such as upgrades to existing warning devices and the installation of channelization devices. This effort would be coordinated by NYSDOT with CSX and Amtrak. This project will enable higher speeds throughout the corridor and would thereby reduce travel times and increase on-time service.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 181 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$725,000 to resurface the main runway at the Niagara Falls International Airport. The project will rehabilitate approximately 150,000 square yards of runway pavement to create a smooth operating surface.

Of the total project amount, 100% is for construction.

Runway 10L—28R serves all NFIA passenger, cargo, military, and general aviation operations. As outlined in the Pavement Management Study, a complete mill and overlay is needed to insure compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration Runway Pavement Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY—26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration—Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 1372 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14609

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to provide a fully-integrated Intelligent Transportation System for the buses of the Livingston Area Transportation Service (LATS).

Of the total project amount, 100% is for equipment purchases and installation.

LATS operates a fleet of 28 buses, which provide ADA-compliant public transportation services to residents of Livingston County. The new CAD/AVL system will improve LATS productivity and reduce operating expenses, and will help deliver higher quality service to RGRTA's Livingston County customers.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY—26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Cambria

Address of Requesting Entity: 4160 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, NY 14132

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the demolition or rehabilitation of five buildings that were part of the abandoned US military Command Center known as the Nikki Hercules Missile Base.

Of the total project amount, 100% is for demolition and rehabilitation.

The project will allow these properties to be added to the tax rolls and allow businesses to relocate to the town.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: The District Capital Cost of Contracting, Montgomery County, TX

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities, Federal Transit Administration

Requesting Entity: The Brazos Transit District (The District)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1759 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, Texas 77803

This request helps provides an important transportation service to over 700,000 Montgomery County commuters each year through four Park-and-Ride facilities. It also helps provide regular van service for East Texas veterans to VA facilities in the region. Through these services, the funding also helps reduce congestion along Interstate 45 and helps the region meet its clear air goals.

The \$1,000,000 included in this bill reduces the equipment costs of providing these transportation services.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SIMS BARBER SHOP

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great landmark in Sevierville, Tennessee—Sims Barber Shop.

Often referred to as an unforgettable, Sims Barber Shop has been a landmark in the community and a family tradition since the 1930s.

Sims upholds a reputation for taking care of their customers and helping folks feel comfortable when they visit Sims Barber Shop.

To give you a little bit of history, Mr. Conley Sims started Sims Barber Shop on Bruce Street in Sevierville Tennessee in 1932.

In the 1960s, Mr. Conley Sims moved the shop directly across the street, who was later joined by his son Johnny Sims in the family business.

Mr. Conley Sims cut hair 6 and 7 days per week. Conley and Johnny cut hair together until 1992 when Conley retired.

Conley passed away two years later, but his legacy is kept alive today—at Sims Barber Shop in Sevierville.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration: Federal Lands

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York State Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12232

Description: The purpose of this earmark is to provide \$1,077,000 for the construction of a

4-lane road from Interstate 81 to the main gate at Fort Drum in order to enhance the viability of the Fort and improve traffic safety in the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN MCHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Country Vietnam Veterans Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 27 Town Line Road, P.O. Box 1161, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Description: The purpose of this earmark is to provide \$250,000 for the renovation and expansion of the existing North Country Veterans Service Center, a non-profit organization that provides services and support to veterans and their families.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hialeah

Address of Requesting Entity: 501 Palm Avenue, Hialeah, FL 33010

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured \$400,000 to implement the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Program. Specifically, funding will be used to improve the West 24th Avenue corridor between 52nd Street and 76th Street. The City of Hialeah has a rapidly aging infrastructure with some areas facing more than 50 years since any work has been done in repairs/reconstruction. Areas have been chosen throughout the city, based on roadway need, drainage concerns, areas that have not been reconstructed for over three decades.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Doral

Address of Requesting Entity: 8300 NW 53rd Street, Suite 100, Doral, FL 33166

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured \$400,000 for property acquisition, design, permitting, and construction of roadway gaps and intersections identified to be in need of capacity improvements. This will help to alleviate roadway sections that are failing due to large traffic volumes. In addition, there are

several roadway gaps where development has expanded the grid pattern of the City roadways surrounding small parcels that have not been developed. The completion of these small sections of roadway would complete the City's grid pattern and provide additional options for increasing traffic to avoid already congested intersections.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Broward County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured \$500,000 for transit infrastructure improvements to 500 bus stops county-wide. The improvements may include, depending on the stop location, concrete pad, shelter, construction, permitting, lighting, real time signage, connectivity for ADA purposes, and other amenities as needed. The purpose of these projects is not only to add new shelters, but also to ensure that existing shelters and other amenities (such as real-time information) are ADA accessible.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Miramar, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured \$500,000 for the Miramar Multi Service Center which will provide high quality community and transit services to the community. The project will reduce vehicle miles traveled by as much as 133,900 annually by making bus transit more accessible and pedestrian movement more feasible, thereby reducing auto utilization, reducing congestion, reducing travel time delay, and reducing pollutants. The Transit Hub will house; bus drop-off and pick-up area for City of Miramar community buses; four bus parking spaces; air-conditioned passenger waiting area for both Miramar community buses as well as BCT buses; restrooms; transit related information booth and administrative offices; 12 transit-related employees parking spaces.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Capital Improvement Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured \$4,000,000 for Phases II and III of the Miami-Dade County Transit Authority's Metro-rail Orange Line Expansion. Primarily, in Phase II, Miami-Dade County Department of Transit is in the final planning stage for the construction of a 9.2-mile Metrorail extension along NW 27th Avenue between the existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Metrorail station and the Broward County line. Phase III, the County's East-West Corridor Rapid Transit Project proposes to extend Metrorail some 10–13 miles from the Miami Intermodal Center to Florida International University and points west. As fewer than 48% of the County's residents live outside incorporated Miami, this Orange Line expansion project will allow for more options for commuting and travel around Miami-Dade County.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development, Neighborhood Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Council of La Raza

Address of Requesting Entity: 1126 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured \$1,000,000 to provide development assistance and financing for much needed housing and community revitalization projects in primarily Hispanic neighborhoods. The capital will be invested in a revolving loan fund to provide financing for affordable housing, community health clinics and other essential community facilities in low-income Hispanic communities.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses and Bus Facilities, Technical Corrections

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Broward County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Description of Request: I am proud to have secured a correction to previous legislation as follows: The funding provision in H.R. 2764, Public Law 110–161, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2008, Division K—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Buses and Bus Facilities, described as “Broward County Southwest Transit Facility—\$500,000” be changed to “Broward County

Ravenswood Transit Facility—\$500,000.” This change is necessary to increase the supply of buses to the Southwest Broward community while suitable land is identified and purchased for the future Southwest Transit Facility.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: I–69 Texas Environmental Studies, TX

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, Federal Highway Administration

Requesting Entity: Alliance for I–69 Texas, Texas Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Smith, Suite 700, Houston, TX 77002

The original I–69 project began in 1991 and involves long-planned upgrades of US 59, 277 and 281 to interstate standards to increase motorist safety and mobility in the Houston and East Texas region. It is, thankfully, no longer included in the ill-fated Trans Texas Corridor. The original project enjoys the support of a broad collaboration of mayors, county judges, economic development groups, chambers of commerce and transportation officials from dozens of Texas communities, including several in the Eighth Congressional District. The \$500,000 I requested on behalf of the Texas leaders of the I–69 coalition will provide the Texas Department of Transportation funding to complete the necessary environmental studies to begin construction on these much needed upgrades.

This bill also credits me and four of my colleagues as requesting an additional \$1 million under the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary and the Surface Transportation Priorities accounts. I appreciate the support of my colleagues and the Committee for this important project and am confident the additional dollars are sorely needed—but in all honesty other members deserve credit for these funds since I submitted only the original \$500,000 funding for the environmental studies.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 28

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine regulatory modernization, focusing on insurance.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine national hurricane research.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Anthony Marion Babauta, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary, and Jonathan B. Jarvis, of California, to be Director, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior, James J. Markowsky, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Warren F. Miller, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and to be Director of the Office of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alexander G. Garza, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of

Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, and Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine current trends in foreclosures and what can be done to prevent them.

210, Cannon Building

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of William Carlton Eacho, III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Sweden, Bruce J. Oreck, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, James B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Douglas W. Kmiec, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, all of the Department of State, in SD-419.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine closing Guantanamo Bay.

SD-226

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

SD-406

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Pakistan's internally displace persons (IDP) crisis.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine medical research and education.

SD-562

2:15 p.m.

Judiciary

Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on employment-based immigration to pro-

pel America's economy while protecting America's workforce.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, Daniel R. Elliott, III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, all of the Department of Transportation, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

SR-253

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine protecting shareholders and enhancing public confidence by improving corporate governance.

SD-538

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

3 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

SD-342

JULY 30

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a comprehensive strategy for Sudan.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine children in disasters, focusing on evacuation planning and mental health recovery.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine climate services, focusing on solutions from commerce to communities.

SR-253